



Kecia McBride, associate professor of English, is one of four professors teaching an interdisciplinary seminar this semester through the Virginia Ball Center for Creative Inquiry. McBride and seven other faculty and staff members were honored this fall for outstanding achievements. See the story, beginning on page 17.

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A good professor explains; an excellent professor demonstrates; a great professor inspires.

By any measure, the eight members of Ball State's faculty who were honored during this year's fall faculty meeting for exceptional contributions to students and to the university are inspiring educators. The words of Outstanding Teaching Award recipient, Kecia McBride, express what lies at the heart of their collective philosophies of education: "to encourage students to be intellectually excited, to be engaged, and leave the classroom wanting to know more about the course topic."

Though we provide only a glimpse into their extraordinary leadership, teaching, service, and research, we pay tribute to Ball State's Best. Their stories begin on page 17.



Ball State fans Jane Unger, Patricia Freeman, Karen Swank, and Barbara Phillips enjoy the newly renovated Scheumann Stadium with Charlie Cardinal during the football game against the University of Buffalo, September 29. Unger, Freeman, and Swank all lived with Phillips and her family while they were students at Ball State. Phillips is a member of the Ball State Board of Trustees.

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The launch of a new academic year in August was punctuated with four exclamation points as we dedicated a crown jewel academic building, a unique residential hall, an extensively renovated stadium, and a new-look dining facility. The excitement began August 22 with the dedication of Park Hall, a new venture into a living and learning environment. August 28, north campus was alive when we ushered in a new era in Ball State football and dedicated the impressive Scheumann Stadium.

And, on September 7, in the heart of campus, our hearts warmed as David Letterman returned to Ball State for the official opening of the David Letterman Communication and Media Building. Our story on those dedications begins on page 3.

The fourth exclamation point is the reopening of Woodworth Commons, now one of the premier campus dining facilities in the country. The renovated Woodworth features an open and inviting environment with made-to-order food options. To learn more, read our story beginning on page 26.

Homecoming Day, Saturday, October 13, was a perfect weather day that produced equally perfect results, from the morning parade through the Cardinals' 35-12 victory over Western Kentucky's

Hilltoppers. Saturday was the culmination of a week-long series of events for students, faculty and staff, the community of Muncie, and Ball State's alumni. During Homecoming weekend, as we celebrated tradition, we also celebrated success, acknowledging Benny, Graduate of the Last Decade, and Distinguished Alumni award recipients. A recap of Homecoming week begins on page 23.

These stories, and more, are within the covers of this issue's *Ball State Alumnus*. Enjoy reading about all the excitement that is unfolding in our vibrant campus community.

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Energized Ball State community fosters innovation, excellence

In the fifteen months that I have been provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Ball State University, I have been impressed and inspired by the energy of this institution. Surely a highlight has been the completion of a strategic plan for 2007-12 that will keep the momentum going. Besides our current efforts to implement the strategic plan, a second priority for Academic Affairs this year is to create an environment that will accelerate research and other scholarship, as well as accelerate innovation and commercialization to improve the economy of the state. There are really four parts to what we are calling "The Ball State University Innovation and Commercialization Initiative."

First, consistent with the strategic plan, we will enhance the scholarly output of our faculty through bringing in greater levels of external funding. Robert Morris, interim associate provost for Research and dean of the Graduate School, is working diligently with the faculty to accomplish this goal.

Secondly, based upon recommendations from a task force last year, we are revising our seriously outdated intellectual property policies and procedures.

Thirdly, we are about to create a subsidiary structure to the university associated with the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative. This entity will be a vehicle for university inventors and entrepreneurs to develop their intellectual property for the betterment of Indiana and the university. This leg of the strategy will include also a focused effort in economic development around a specific business sector. Two key hires are playing important roles in this initiative.

Michael Hicks has recently joined us at the Bureau of Business Research in the Miller College of Business. With outstanding credentials as an economist, he has held similar positions in the past. Joining the staff of the Office of Academic Research and Sponsored Programs is a new director of technology transfer, Michael Halbrook, who has had tremendous experience in helping IT startup companies.

And finally, the fourth leg of the priority is to play a larger role within the state economy. In addition to his position as dean of the School of Extended Education, Frank Sabatine has been appointed associate vice president for Economic Development and Community Engagement. His background in state government makes him ideally suited for this role.

Of course, all of this is dependent upon a talented and energized faculty. I am happy to report that this is a wonderful faculty with ingenious ideas and admirable productivity. At our opening day faculty meeting this fall, it was my honor to recognize eight Outstanding Faculty award-winners, whom you will read about in this edition of the *Ball State Alumnus* magazine. They are doing amazing things, but they are also representative of almost 900 other faculty who daily serve their students, colleagues, and professions with excellence and dedication. Because this is a university on the move, you will be hearing more about their work in the days to come. Together they are truly redefining education!

Terry S. King

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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DAVID LETTERMAN
COMMUNICATION AND
MEDIA BUILDING
September 7, 2007

David Letterman, his mother Dorothy Mengerling, and Ball State President Jo Ann Gora enjoy a moment during the dedication of the new David Letterman Communication and Media Building.

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Campus is infused with new life through facility dedications

by Denise Greer and
Charlotte Shepperd

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To read more about Letterman's appearance on campus and see photos and videos from his visit, go to www.bsu.edu/news/letterman/

With millions of viewers watching the season premiere of the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, David Letterman shared his experience of the dedication of his namesake building on Ball State's campus in September.

Letterman told Oprah, "It was one of those days that you think it is going to be one thing, and it turns out to be something completely different. It started out being a tour with Ball State President Jo Ann Gora...and then, when I saw the building with my name on it, my knees buckled...and it became altogether different."

On September 7, Letterman returned to his alma mater, his first

"If reasonable people can put my name on a \$21-million building, anything is possible."
— David Letterman



CCIM Dean Roger Lavery, Joe Lacay, Kellie Conrad, Jeff Smulyan, Tom DeWeese, David Letterman, Dorothy Mengerling, and President Jo Ann Gora cut the ribbon for the David Letterman Communication and Media building.

public visit in nearly three decades, to take part in the dedication of the building named in his honor.

Festivities included tours and discussions about the

future of communication education and the industry. Letterman interacted with students through an informal exchange in the high-tech screening

room, and took time to go on-air with radio station WCRD. He had been an on-air talent at Ball State's student-run station during his college years.

The dedication ceremony began late in the afternoon, and so did the rain. Ceremonies included a ribbon cutting and a keynote address by Jeffrey Smulyan, chairman of the board at Emmis Communications Corporation and former Ball State board of trustee member.

"The world Dave and I grew up in was vastly different than it is today," he said, stating that Ball State's technological advances position the university and its graduates to fully engage in the next generation of global media.



Light streams in from the front windows of the David Letterman Communication and Media Building.

No. 1 on David Letterman's Top 10 list of good things about having your name on a building: "Unlike me, it should still look good when it's 60."

To hear Letterman present his entire Top 10 list, go to www.bsu.edu/news/letterman/lettermantop10/

"It has been a great honor for me to serve the university. On behalf of the five generations of the family who value their Ball State degrees, I can't thank you enough for this honor."

— Don Park

Gora kept her remarks brief, in an effort to beat the rain, and introduced the man of the hour. The crowd of more than 5,000 cheered and held signs of welcome, as Letterman stepped to the podium. Saluting the crowd with his patent grin and some lighthearted comments, Letterman soon became serious as he expressed how much the honor meant to his family. Of his father, who died at age 57 from a heart attack, Letterman said, "It would have been the most exciting day of his life. And I hope that wherever he is, he is enjoying this day."

Speaking of his days as a student, Letterman noted, "I struggled through college." Then he added, "If reasonable people can put my name on a \$21-million building, anything is possible."

Acknowledging his mentor,

telecommunications professor emeritus, Darrell Wible, Letterman said he could not have made it through college without him. In tribute, he added, "I hope that every student who passes through this university has at least one Darrell Wible."

In a fitting conclusion, Letterman addressed the students, upon whom he had focused throughout the day. "Enjoy your careers at Ball State. When you are out and looking for a job, come get me, because I'll be ready to go."

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

August 22, just as the campus was getting into full swing with a new academic year, Vice President Emeritus Don Park, along with family, friends, and members of the university community, assembled for the dedication of Park Hall, the first new residence hall to open at Ball State since 1969.

The multipurpose room in the \$32 million facility was filled to capacity for the program that included remarks from Board of Trustee President Tom DeWeese, President Jo Ann Gora, and Vice President for Student Affairs Kay Bales. They emphasized the significance of the hall's unique academic living environment and commended Park and his family for their long dedication to the university.

Park joined the Ball State faculty in 1966 as an assistant professor and became a full professor in 1974. He worked with Ball State's Alumni and Development Programs in the mid-1970s. Appointed vice president for University Advancement in 1992, he retired in 2006.



During Park's 14-year vice-presidential tenure, Ball State completed four major fund-raising campaigns. Park proved to be a leader in advancing the university's educational and physical environment.

The Park family boasts a five-generation affiliation with the institution, beginning with Don Park's uncle, Frank Park, who was junior class president during the 1918-19 academic year. Don Park and his siblings—Marilyn Pickell-Hunt, Norma Armstrong, and David Park—mark the third generation, having earned a total of seven Ball State degrees. Ben Karwoski and Ryan Pickell carry on the family tradition as currently enrolled students.

When Park stepped to the lectern at the dedication ceremony, he



PARK HALL
August 22,
2007

Hollis Hughes, Kellie Conrad, Frank Hancock, Barbara Phillips, Tom DeWeese, Claire Park, Don Park, President Jo Ann Gora, Tom Kinghorn, and Kay Bales cut the ribbon at the Park Hall dedication.



Chris Allen, Dan Gerberry, Cortlan Booker, Paul Kozel, Patricia Kozel, John Fisher, Janice Fisher, Jo Ann Gora, John Scheumann, June Scheumann, Kellie Conrad, Barbara Phillips, Hollis Hughes, Rick Hall, Frank Hancock, Greg Fehribach, and Tom DeWeese cut the ribbon to officially dedicate Scheumann Stadium.

SCHEUMANN STADIUM, August 28, 2007



acknowledged his wife Claire, daughters Jennifer and Kristen, 33 other members of the Park family who had gathered in the new hall, colleagues, and friends. Then, he offered his gratitude.

"Ball State has been a part of the Park family for 89 years," he said. "It has been a great honor for me to serve the university. On behalf of the five generations of the family who value their Ball State degrees, I can't thank you enough for this honor."

After the ribbon cutting, a plaque was unveiled to honor the Park family.

A reception and tours followed, revealing the new gem in Ball State's living and learning environment.

A NEW ERA IN BSU FOOTBALL

More than 800 fans gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the John B. and June M. Scheumann Stadium and initiate a new era in Ball State football, August 28.

The evening began when the Cardinals took the field for a practice session, a prelude to their August 30 opening game with Miami University, and continued through a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony that honored benefactors John and Janice Fisher, Paul and Patricia Kozel, and John and June Scheumann.

On self-guided tours, visitors explored the plaza area and Kozel Media Center—

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— Jo Ann Gora

featuring entertainment suites and media booths. They also toured Fisher Training Complex and enjoyed sneak peeks at the new north end zone festival seating area and synthetic grass playing surface. Meanwhile, Cardinal Varsity Club provided university-catered tailgate stations featuring an array of food.

The 22,500-seat stadium renovation is the result of the collective effort of many contributors to a fund-raising campaign that exceeded its original goal of \$12 million, and concluded ahead of schedule. By October 2005, Drive to Distinction, The Ball State Stadium Campaign—led by Fisher and including business leaders, former football players, and integral affiliates of the athletics program—had raised more than \$13.6 million in private gifts. Ball State was ready to push forward with the stadium project.

The proud unveiling in August this year brought the dream to its public reality. About the stadium, President Jo Ann Gora said: "I am

delighted with the look and feel Scheumann Stadium brings, not only to our expanding campus, but to the city of Muncie as well. The reopening of the stadium is a momentous occasion for the university, and it would not have been possible without the generous contributions of so many donors and alumni."

Ball State's Pride of Mid-America marching band entertained the crowd just before the formal dedication ceremony, which also included Charlie Cardinal, Ball State's cheerleaders, and the Code Red Dancers.

Joining the president on the field were members of this year's football team—Chris Allen, Dan Gerberry, and Cortlan Booker—and members of the university's board of trustees. The president was flanked by those whose names are given to the three facilities making up the complex: the Scheumanns, Kozels, and Fishers.

Two days later the Cardinals hosted Miami University in the stadium's historic debut, before a crowd of more than 15,000, including a record 7,885 students. ■

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Community contributions

This year's Black Alumnus Award recipients are working to shape their communities

by Jacob M. Laskowski

John Hall (center) was honored with the Outstanding Black Alumnus Award in August. With him are Teresa Jeter and Phil Anderson.

“People can make a difference,” says John Hall, field office director for the Indianapolis branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. “It’s the greatest thing I have learned in decades of working with a U.S. Senator, Indianapolis mayors, and several community development programs.”

With his reputation for assisting people, Hall is a revered member of the Ball State and Indianapolis communities.

Honored by his alma mater in August as a 2007 Outstanding Black Alumnus, Hall credits his college experience with providing a stepping stone to his future.

“Ball State gave me the ability to get along with people and enabled me to meet all sorts of folks, and that’s one of the things I think is so great about the university,” Hall says.

When he graduated in 1972, Hall’s mother, Lillie Mae Garrett-Hall, had an impact on his initial career choice by suggesting that he follow her career path and teach. “I thought that I would teach for a few years and then go to law school. That was my plan,” Hall says.

Taking her advice, Hall worked for awhile in education, both in high school and college, until he realized that it was not his professional calling. “I got involved in politics when I left Ball State, and I felt that it allowed me an opportunity where I could really [contribute],” he says.

Hall became a senior aide with U.S. Senator Richard Lugar’s staff, finding a way to combine his interest in politics with public service. He contributed



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by working with several of Lugar’s initiatives, including community development, urban housing programs, and education.

In that role, Hall discovered he was able to make an impact. “With community development, you begin to see the landscape change,” he observes.

After 15 years of working for the senator, Hall became deputy mayor for Stephen Goldsmith in Indianapolis. During his tenure, he found that he could continue to have an influence by engagement with community and minority business development programs and by working to improve race relations.

In his current role with HUD, Hall has the opportunity to be on the ground level of community development. He has responsibilities that include evaluating urban planning initiatives throughout the state.

HUD’s main goal is pushing communities to make urban plans a reality for the people who need them. “Basically, we make sure the money is being spent,” he explains.

Hall’s involvement in politics has led him to Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson’s

Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative and the Juvenile Detention Advisory Board. He is involved in working to eliminate hazardous lead paint and other lead substances near children.

Hall also has been able to become involved at his alma mater. A charter

As deputy mayor of Indianapolis, Hall found he could have an influence with community and business development programs.

member of Ball State’s Black Alumni Society, he was a member of its board of directors until 2003, serving as chairman of its alumni awards committee. In 2004, he received the Benny Award for outstanding service to the Alumni Association and the university.

Emerging from his early days in education to his current position with HUD, Hall says that his journey has always been about education. “It’s all really education, even if you shift from the classroom,” he concludes. ■

Wendy Robinson, superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools, has spent her 34-year career advocating for children's success in education. She received the Outstanding Black Alumnus Award in August.



Steve Vordeman

by Danya L. Pysh

“Teaching third grade prepared me more than anything for the role of superintendent,” says Wendy Robinson, superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools. “The best thing about third graders is that they speak candidly and will tell you when something is not working.”

Her ability to adapt to changes has allowed Robinson to experience a successful 34-year career in education, spanning from classroom teacher to superintendent.

The Black Alumni Society at Ball State recognized Robinson for her achievements with the Outstanding Black Alumnus Award during its biennial reunion in August. Of the award, Robinson says, “It’s humbling, and gives one a charge to keep moving on. I am very proud of this honor.”

Robinson discovered her passion for teaching at a young age. “My mother said that I was teaching my brother things before he could even walk,” she says.

After receiving undergraduate and advanced degrees from DePauw University, Indiana University, and IPFW, Robinson selected Ball State for her doctoral program, obtaining her degree in 1996.

“Ball State understood the needs of working educators and made the degree doable,” she says. The quality of the degree and the reputation of the

Teachers College were other important factors affecting her decision.

Robinson says that Ball State provided a wonderful educational experience.

“Everyone was like family. They would take you under their wing and allow you to excel and be successful,” she says.

She has worked diligently to develop relationships that encourage residents to work cooperatively as advocates for the children of Fort Wayne Community Schools. Focusing on the basics of education, academic achievement, quality instruction, and in-house leadership training, she has succeeded in making Fort Wayne an educational center for Indiana.

The leader of the second-largest public school system in the state, Robinson says it’s the students that keep her focused. “Thirty-two thousand wonderful children who need adults looking out for them to give them the best educational environment possible keeps me motivated,” she says.

Under her auspices, Fort Wayne Community Schools was selected by the prestigious Wallace Foundation of New York City for a five-year, \$5-million grant to develop the leadership skills of principals. Since its origination in 2005, 43 administrative interns have participated in the program and currently 34 serve as principals, assistant principals, or in other administrative capacities.

Recently, the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents recognized Robinson as the District II Superintendent of the Year. In August 2005, she was appointed to the Indiana Education Roundtable by Governor Mitch Daniels and State Superintendent Suellen Reed. She also serves as president of the Indiana Urban Schools Association, a subcommittee of the National Superintendent Association that focuses on pertinent issues of urban schools.

As she concentrates on the tasks at hand, awards and honors are secondary

“I just keep my head down and do what I have to do right now. And by doing your job well, things happen. There’s no next step that is better than what’s going on right now.”

to Robinson. “I’m not really someone who focuses on the ‘next step.’ I just keep my head down and do what I have to do right now. And by doing your job well,” she explains, “things happen. There’s no next step that is better than what’s going on right now.” ■



Professional societies plan winter outings, elect officers for 2008

FCS: The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and the FCS Alumni Society sponsored Career Development Day for FCS students Thursday, October 25. The keynote speech, "Why are you working?" was delivered by **Wil R. Davis**, '75, chairman, president, and co-founder of Ontario Systems in Muncie. Davis received the Miller College of Business Award of Distinction in 2005 and the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2006.

Journalism: The Journalism Alumni Society hosted a wine and cheese reception at the

Indianapolis Colts Complex for Indianapolis-area College of Communication, Information, and Media (CCIM) alumni, September 27. **Myra Borshoff Cook**, '69, spoke about her experiences as PR consultant to the Colts organization.

The society's board of directors met October 6. Members discussed awards criteria and procedures. Nominations for the 2008 Outstanding Young Alumni, Outstanding Journalism Alumni, and Hall of Fame honors are encouraged. Deadline for nominations for this year's awards is Friday, December 7. The awards will be presented during the annual spring journalism awards luncheon.

The society continues to plan for its reunion, set for Saturday, June 21, 2008, on campus. Details will be mailed to all journalism

graduates, and updates will be available on the Alumni Association Web site.

The next meeting of the board of directors will be Saturday, January 12, 2008, at the Alumni Center.

MCOB: The Miller College of Business Alumni Society board of directors will meet at the Alumni Center Tuesday, November 13. After the meeting, alumni are invited to a pre-game rally before the Ball State football game against Toledo.

NREM: The Natural Resources and Environmental Management Alumni Society awards committee will meet Thursday, November 8, at Mounds State Park in Anderson.

Teachers College: Teachers College alumni, family, and friends are invited to attend an outing at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis Saturday, March 29, 2008. Information will be sent to Teachers College alumni, and

updates will be available on the BSUAA Web site.

The Teachers College Alumni Society board of directors met with 2007-08 scholarship award winners, October 6, during the pre-game rally for Ball State's football game against Central Michigan.

The board of directors elected its officers for next year. **Eugene White**, EdS81EdD82, was elected president, and **Mike Garringer**, '74MAE77, was elected vice-president. **Maria Esterline**, '03, will serve as secretary, and **Phil Metcalf**, '70, is returning as Alumni Council representative.

Alumni chapters elect 2008 officers

As 2007 winds down, alumni chapters are gearing up for next year by planning outings and electing officers.

Indianapolis: The Indianapolis Area Alumni Chapter will host an outing in



"Born to be a Cardinal" membership includes a Ball State bib, a magnetic photo frame, and a \$10.00 custodial account through the Ball State Federal Credit Union.

Newborns join BSU Cardinal family

The Ball State University Alumni Association has instituted a program to welcome newborns into the Cardinal family. In partnership with the Ball State Federal Credit Union (BSFCU), the Alumni Association administers the program.

"Born to be a Cardinal" is designed for babies from birth to 12 months, who are the children or grandchildren of Ball State alumni.

The program was established as an alumni service to recognize the university's newest legacies, honor alumni families, and promote pride in Ball State. It provides the family a mechanism to save for college through the BSFCU.

Cost of basic enrollment is \$15.00. New members in the basic plan will receive a Ball State bib, a magnetic photo frame with the "Born to be a Cardinal" logo, and a \$10.00 custodial account opened in the child's name at the BSFCU.

Members may opt to increase the minimum for their savings plan. Amounts greater than \$15.00 will be deposited directly into the custodial account.

The enrollment form is available through the Alumni Association Web site: www.bsu.edu/alumni.

Introducing our new members

- Carson Beeman, Fort Wayne, born February 18, 2007 (**Jeffrey Beeman**, '00, father)
- Grayson Leigh Navarro, Noblesville, born April 4, 2007 (**Mike Navarro**, '99, father; **Wayne Gray**, '62, grandparent; **Linda Gray**, '76MA82, grandparent)
- Dawson Johnny Bigger, Muncie, born September 25, 2007 (**Johnny F. Bigger**, '05, father; **John E. Bigger**, '72MAE78, grandparent; **Jama Bigger**, '78MA79, grandparent)
- Evan Bell, Mount Gilead, OH, born January 1, 2007 (**Jennifer Bell**, '02, mother)
- Alexander Bell, Mount Gilead, OH, born September 1, 2005 (**Jennifer Bell**, '02, mother)
- Molly Hamlin, Folsom, CA, born June 1, 2007 (**Shari Hamlin**, '93MS97, mother)

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conjunction with the Indiana Ice vs. Waterloo Black Hawks hockey game, Saturday, January 12, 2008, at the Pepsi Coliseum. Pre-game activities will begin in the VIP room at 6:00 p.m. The game will begin at 7:05 p.m.

The chapter is planning its annual casino night for Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Jillian's. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m.

A theatre outing to see August Wilson's *Piano Lesson* is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 2, 2008, at the Indiana Repertory Theatre.

Brenda Cox, '84, was elected president during the October board of directors meeting, and **Russ Lawrence**, '94, was elected vice president.

The next board of directors meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Northeastern: The Northeastern Indiana Area Alumni Chapter is planning its annual TGIF for Friday, February 15, 2008, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Columbia Street West.

The chapter will have next year's Science Central outing Sunday, February 24, and its Golf and Dinner Outing Wednesday, July 16.

The board of directors elected **Russ Hire**, '88, president and **Stacey Tribolet**, '88, vice president for 2008.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2008.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Michiana Alumni Chapter Bus Shopping Trip**
Saturday, November 17
Chicago, IL
- **Teachers College Alumni Association Principal's Reception**
Monday, November 19
Indianapolis
- **Chicago Area Outing at Rock Bottom Brewery**
Monday, December 10
Chicago, IL
- **Nursing Alumni Society Pinning Ceremony**
Friday, December 14
Emens Auditorium

Board of Trustee members and their families enjoy pregame festivities at the Ball State vs Navy game, September 18. They are: Kellie Conrad, Greg Fehribach, Mary Beth Fehribach, Tom DeWeese, Hollis Hughes, and LaVera Hughes.



Briana Long, Jill Gagnon, Christy Peterson, and Annie Adams-Hamilton pose with the Colts' 2007 Super Bowl Championship trophy at the Journalism/CCIM wine and cheese event at the Indianapolis Colts Complex, September 27.



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POST-ITS

Black Alumni: The Black Alumni Society board of directors will meet Saturday, December 8, at the Alumni Center.

Chicago Area: Ball State alumni in the Chicago area are invited to the Rock Bottom Brewery, Monday, December 10, for hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The outing will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Room of Rock Bottom, One West Grand Avenue. Reservations, due Monday, December 3, are \$10 each and include the first beverage.

New BSUAA service: The Ball State Alumni Association is branching into the territories of social networking and blogging. With the creation of a group inside the popular social networking site, Facebook, the Alumni Association has created another avenue for alumni to learn about local events while providing an easy way for them to connect with one another through personal profiles and shared pictures. To join, current Facebook users can click on "Groups" and search for "Ball State Alumni Association." To create a Facebook account, go to www.facebook.com and click "Sign up."

Alumni blog: The Alumni Association has constructed a blog that chronicles students' viewpoints and experiences with various events and activities around campus. To read more, go to www.ballstateaa.wordpress.com. The blog is updated twice weekly.

Long-time BSU friend, Jim Parks, dies

James W. Parks, '51MA56, president emeritus of the Ball State University



courtesy, family of Jim Parks

Board of Trustees, died August 23 in Venice, FL. Parks served with the trustees from 1981-96.

Parks was closely involved with the university and the Alumni Association. Named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1972, he received the Benny Award in 1983, and the President's Award in 1996. He also was inducted into the Ball State University College of Business Hall of Fame in 1982.

A member of the Alumni Council, Parks was appointed as the Alumni Association

representative to the Board of Trustees. National chairman of the university's Annual Fund in 1983, Parks also served on the board of directors for the University Foundation from 1986-96.

While a student at Ball State, Parks was a fullback and linebacker on Ball State's undefeated football team of 1949 and was a member of the B Club and Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

Parks served in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army from 1952-54. He began teaching business classes upon his graduation from Ball State and resumed teaching once he returned from the Army. He served as principal in various Indiana schools from 1956-66.

Parks became head of the AAA Hoosier Motor Club and its affiliated companies in February 1966. He continued as president and CEO until his retirement in 1994.

For his commitment to community service, Parks received many honors, including being named a Sagamore of the Wabash by five Indiana governors.

Surviving Parks are his wife of 58 years, **Joyce Parks,** '51; daughter **Kimberly Poppa,** '76; sons, **James Parks, II,** '76; and **Jeffrey Parks,** '81; son-in-law **Richard Poppa,** '76; and five grandchildren.

Memorials can be directed to the Ball State University Foundation, P.O. Box 672, Muncie, IN 47308.



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2007-08 Alumni Legacy Scholarship Recipients

The Ball State Alumni Association selected 50 students to receive this year's Legacy Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to students who are the children or grandchildren of Ball State alumni, to show appreciation to alumni who have contributed to the enrichment of Ball State through active membership in the Alumni Association.

The annual deadline for scholarship applications is the first Friday in February. Application deadline for 2008-09 is February 1, 2008.

Legacy Scholarship recipients who attended the 2007-08 scholarship luncheon September 29 are (Front row): Payton Corn, Leah M. Ruble, Angela Rhea, Sarah Thomas, Alexandra Garman, Tess Gorden, Grace Baker, Lauren Terrell, Jordan Amor, Abby Donselman, Kassi Dyson, Jeanette Lechlitrer, Ellen Bryan, Crystal Schelling, and Hannah Conklin. (Middle row): Ryan Avila, Kyle Galloway, Nathan Roach, Sally Barrett, Rachel N. Fyffe, Alissa McMillan, Maria Gramelspacher, Chelsea Sanders, Samantha Tilmans, Caitlin Smith, Natalie Kowalinski, Lizzie Gordon, and Jamie McDonald. (Back Row): Wade Thatcher, Eric Steger, Michael Galyen, Cody Akers, Austin Hepp, Edward Harcourt, Brian Weddle, Chris Fivecoate, Matt Novak, Craig Novak, and Zach Kendall.

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There's no mountain high enough

Alumnus travels to America's highest points

by Stanley Bippus

May 30, 2007

Hiking up Mount Hood in Oregon was a little more of a challenge than I had anticipated. My thighs were burning, the weight of my backpack was taking its toll on my shoulders, and I was breathing like a 67-year-old man on his last leg. Yet, I had only been hiking for three hours and had only climbed 2,200 feet. I still had about 3,400 feet to go before I reached the summit.

There was a blue moon that provided a beautiful aura on the snow-covered mountain.

Around 4:30 a.m. I could see the headlamps of hikers who were at the 10,600-foot level. They looked miles away and the negative self-talk began as I wondered what the heck I was trying to prove climbing this mountain. However, a couple hours later I was making my final approach to the summit.

I was very excited and a little frightened, as I was not sure I had the necessary technical climbing skills to make it up the final 800 feet. But about 7:30 a.m. I stood proudly on the summit of Mount Hood. What a great feeling it was.

June 24-25, 2007

The first summit was Mount Sunflower in Kansas at 4,039 feet. The next day was a somewhat challenging

Stanley Bippus had never climbed a mountain until June 30, 2006, when he ascended Timms Hill in Wisconsin, the highest peak in the state. It was the first step in a journey that is taking him to the highest points in all 50 states. Bippus says this is his way to stay fit after retiring from the superintendent's position of Indiana's Salem Community Schools. Each individual peak brings a new reward for Bippus.

"Standing on top of a mountain is quite a feeling. It's a view few people are able to experience," Bippus says. "I often complain to myself when I'm really tired and my legs are starting to cramp up and my back is killing me, but when I reach the summit, all is forgotten and I enjoy the view from the top."

Before the summer of 2007, Bippus had climbed to 33 state high points. He attempted to climb Mount Rainier in Washington in 2006, but frigid temperatures caused him to give up the trek, just 6,000 feet from the summit.

The following is his account of summer and fall hikes of 2007.

Since his first climb in 2006, Stanley Bippus has ascended to the highest points of 47 states.

Kings Peak, UT

Boundary Peak, NV

In April, Stanley Bippus asked the Alumni Association for a Ball State flag, which he planned to take with him when he ascended Mount Hood in Oregon. May 30, he posed atop Mount Hood with the unfurled flag. He spent the summer climbing to the highest points in several other states. His adventures included Boundary Peak, Nevada; Kings Peak, Utah; and Granite Peak, Montana. He chronicled his summer experience for the *Ball State Alumnus*.

Stanley Bippus received his bachelor's degree in 1964 and master's in 1969 in physical education from Ball State. The retired superintendent resides in Huntington.

hike up Wheeler Peak in New Mexico. When I reached the summit ridge, I saw some flags and a pole to my left, along with two other hikers heading that way. I learned I was on the wrong mountaintop and had to go an additional quarter mile back to Wheeler Peak.

June 27-28, 2007

The next peak was Mount Whitney in California, the highest peak in the continental United States at 14,494 feet. This peak has an 11-mile approach and required a permit for an overnight hike. While having breakfast in Lone Pine, I met another hiker, a young, strong former Marine. After hiking Whitney, he was going to hike Boundary Peak in Nevada, which was also my plan. Talk about a lucky break. We [joined forces and] reached the summit of Mount Whitney at 7:15 a.m.

June 30, 2007

I was standing on the summit of Boundary Peak in Nevada at 9:30 a.m. with my new mountain-climbing friend.

July 1-2, 2007

Next came Kings Peak in Utah. After a tiring drive from Boundary Peak and an overnight stay in Evanston, Wyoming, I started the long hike to Kings Peak at noon

on the following day. I was dreading this, as it was a 28-mile hike to the summit and back. I do not mind hiking, but I hate carrying a 50-pound pack on my back all those miles. After taking two wrong trails, I did make the summit on the second day.

July 5, 2007

I then drove to Salmon, Idaho where I met my son and two grandkids. They hiked Borah Peak with me. Borah Peak turned out to be the most difficult of all the day hikes because of the steepness of the climb and some class-three rock scrambling. My grandkids, who are 9 and 11, were not intimidated by the rock scrambling, even though it scared me to death.

July 8-11, 2007

I had to take a rock-climbing course in Cody, Wyoming, to qualify for a guided hike up Granite Peak in Montana, as we would do some class-five climbing, climbing with ropes and rappelling.

Had I known what I was in for on Granite Peak, I do not think I would have ever attempted to climb the high peaks in every state. I do have a slight fear of heights, and I

never dreamed I would do the things I did on this mountain.

We had mountain goats in camp every day and the first day, hiking to the base camp on Granite Peak, was the most exhausting day of my life.

July 18-20, 2007

Gannett Peak in Wyoming was my last major climb of the summer, and one I was dreading. It has a very long approach that required hiking with a heavy pack. The backpacking was painful, but hiking across solid ice on the glacier was the scariest thing I have ever done.



Granite Peak, MT

July 22-25, 2007

After coming off Gannett Peak, I drove to Panorama Point in northwestern Nebraska. I then did Harney Peak in South Dakota, a very nice hike. Then I faced White Butte in North Dakota with my nephew, whom I had picked

up in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

His job was to scare away the rattlesnakes on the approach and descent. We hiked up Hawkeye Point in Iowa, located in the barnyard of a farm, the next day.

August 5, 2007

Two weeks later I ascended Charles Mound, the high point in Illinois. Charles Mound was number 46. This high point is on private property and is only accessible four weekends a year.

October 10, 2007

I hiked up Ebright Azimuth in Delaware, which stands at a whopping 448 feet. I had driven 628 miles to stand on a street corner by a road sign that said I was at the highest point in Delaware.

Footnote:

I will climb Mauna Kea at 13,796 feet, commonly called the "White Mountain," in Hawaii in February of 2008 and Mount Rainier the last week of May 2008.

The true challenge will be Mount McKinley in Alaska, which is about 6,000 feet higher than Mount Whitney. It's very cold, and a long hike to the summit. I will take on that mountain within the next two years. ■

Photos for this feature are provided by Stanley Bippus.

Ball State begins exchange with university in India

Officials from Ball State and Kalasalingam University in India have signed a memorandum of understanding to create an exchange program for students and faculty.

Ball State President Jo Ann Gora and Chelliah Thangaraj, vice chancellor of Kalasalingam University, signed the agreement in September. Program activities may include exchange of faculty, staff, and students, and collaboration in research and instruction.

A three-member delegation from Kalasalingam, including Thangaraj, Pro-Chancellor K. Sridharan, and S. Arumugam, director of research and development, visited Ball State in September and met administrators and faculty from several departments. Jay Bagga, professor of computer science, organized the visit and will direct the activities of the exchange program.

Kalasalingam University is in the southern Indian state of Tamilnadu. It has a student population of about 10,000, and offers undergraduate and graduate programs in areas such as basic sciences, computer, civil and electronics engineering, information technology, and biotechnology.



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Chelliah Thangaraj, K. Sridharan, Jay Bagga, Jo Ann Gora, and S. Arumugam display a certificate to commemorate the exchange program.

Bsu.edu gets makeover

Ball State's Web site makeover provides a very different face of the university's greeting to millions of visitors each month. The revamped bsu.edu went live in October.

New design concepts and information architecture have been applied in revitalizing Web presence for admissions, academics, campus life, giving, financial aid, and telecommunications, the first sample treatment for an individual department.

First-time visitors at Ball State's new electronic front door also should find it more inviting. The new site highlights the expanded use of photography, and Web managers already have overseen the preparation of more than 5,000 pieces of content for the re-launch.



National press commend Ball State for academic excellence

Ball State continues to gain national attention for academic excellence. The undergraduate entrepreneurship program has retained its top ten ranking, and Ball State has made its fourth consecutive appearance on the list of first-year "Programs to Look For" in *U.S. News and World Report*. The *Princeton Review* is touting the university as one of the best in the Midwest. Ball State also has been named among the nation's top 25 undergraduate entrepreneurship programs by *Fortune Small Business* magazine.

In its 2008 America's Best Colleges issue, *U.S. News* ranks the Entrepreneurship Center, under the direction of Larry Cox, eighth in the nation—ahead of similar business programs at Syracuse University, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, the University of California-Berkeley, the University of Maryland-College Park, and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

The entrepreneurship program has been ranked in the top ten by *U.S. News* since 1999. Founded more than 20 years ago, the undergraduate program is well known as the ultimate entrepreneurial experience, including a final "pass or fail" class that challenges seniors to put their degrees on the line when their business plans are reviewed by a group of top business leaders just days before graduation.

Meanwhile, in the *Fortune Small Business* September issue, the 2.4 million circulation publication praised Ball State in its comprehensive

review of entrepreneur programs, "America's Best Colleges for Entrepreneurs." The publication also cited the intensive "sink or swim" senior course.

About 40 percent of the rigorous program's graduates go on to launch or purchase their own companies, according to a survey of Ball State's entrepreneurship alumni.

U.S. News also lauded Ball State in its best college issue under the category of first-year "Programs to Look For." It is the fourth consecutive year the university has been recognized for its innovative high school-to-college transitional programs, including Freshman Connections, Early Start, EXCEL, and Cardinal Leadership And Success Seminar (CLASS).

And for the third consecutive year, Ball State has been honored by the *Princeton Review* as one of the Best Midwestern Colleges in its annual "Best Colleges: Region by Region."

in other NEWS

University receives Emmys, retired TCOM professor honored

A student-run television magazine program and music from a student film have won regional Emmys from the Lower Great Lakes Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.



Ball State fun facts

— Did you know?

At Ball State, the student-faculty ratio averages 17 to 1. The university keeps class sizes small to better accommodate students' needs.

Connections Live, a student-run television magazine show, was honored in the professional category for magazine programs, while *Perspective*, a student-produced short film that won a Student Academy Award in 2006, was honored for best music composition.

During ceremonies in September in Cleveland, the chapter also recognized Jim Shasky, recently retired telecommunications professor, with a lifetime achievement award for his work in television education.

Shasky received the prestigious Board of Governors Award for his long career in television education. After a 30-year career that included directing live coverage of the Nixon impeachment hearings and the annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, Shasky joined the Ball State faculty in 1997.

As a faculty producer at Ball State, Shasky received a 2005 regional Emmy Award in the public service announcement category for "Even Experts Make Mistakes," which addressed gun safety. He also won Best in Category: Short Form for his documentary, *Cell Block Scholars*, at the national 2007 Broadcast Education Association (BEA) Festival of Media Arts.

The university has received 61 regional Emmy nominations and won 20 since 2000.

Members of the *Connections Live* team sharing the honor include **Rick Babusiak**, '07, Tallahassee, FL; Mandy Walker, Floys Knobs senior;

Brett Varvel, Brownsburg junior; **Justin Gladis**, '06, Meadville, PA; Laura Donaldson, Indianapolis junior; Todd Darroca, Muncie junior; and Rachel Martin, Indianapolis junior.

Ball State named one of nation's top green universities

Ball State's leadership in pioneering the use of biodiesel fuels, constructing high-performance green buildings as called for in its strategic plan, and making a dedicated effort to promote sustainability campus-wide has earned the university national accolades.

Now in *Kiwi* magazine's inaugural "Green College

Report," Ball State is listed as one of the nation's top 50 green universities.

The article cites Ball State's use of biodiesel fuel for its vehicle service fleet, its annual workshop for faculty to help them better incorporate sustainability principles in their teaching and work, and construction of the soon-to-be-LEED-certified David Letterman Communication and Media Building and Park Hall—the first university buildings in Indiana to pursue the certification.

The prestigious LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) designation means the new structures are high-performance green buildings in terms of sustainable site

development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The university's Greening of the Campus Conference has helped Ball State spread the word of its sustainability efforts. This year's meeting concluded with the dedication of the Letterman building, named for *Late Show* host **David Letterman**, '69.

The honor from *Kiwi* magazine places Ball State in the company of Duke, Cornell, Stanford, the University of Michigan, the University of California Berkeley, the University of North Carolina, Oberlin College, and Ithaca College for exemplary leadership in making a significant

Smitherman leaves; Repp steps in as interim



Smitherman



Repp

O'Neal Smitherman, BSU's vice president for information technology and chief information officer (CIO), has left the university to become executive vice president of the Hudson Alpha Institute of Biotechnology in Huntsville, AL. Phil Repp, associate vice president for information technology, will fill the vacancy on an interim basis.

During his tenure, Smitherman directed the university's move to become a wireless campus in 2002

and was instrumental in attaining the ranking as the nation's number one wireless campus, which was reported in *U.S. News and World Report* in 2005. In addition, he implemented a \$600,000 federal grant to develop a high-speed broadband network for on- and off-campus research and development and paved the way for the university to be one of the first institutions in the United States to test and deploy WiMAX technology.

Away from campus, Smitherman promoted the use of technology in mental health evaluation and treatment, as well as provided leadership in developing testing and evaluation instruments for many government and social service agencies.

Repp, who joined Ball State in 1981, has served the university as department chairman, associate dean, and director. He has been associate vice president since 2002. He was a contributing author of two digital technology grants from the Lilly Endowment totaling \$40 million.

Repp also led the university's digital media storage project in collaboration with Network Appliance, which received an award from *InfoWorld* as an example of outstanding enterprise innovation and IT leadership, and spearheaded the campus-wide strategic planning process for the Office of Information Technology.

commitment to the environment.

In addition to the Top 50 list, *Kiwi* also featured the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which commits the institutions of the signatory presidents to sharply reduce and eventually eliminate all of their global warming emissions. By signing the agreement, as one of 12 members of the Leadership Circle, Ball State President Jo Ann Gora joined a growing list of her counterparts from more than 300 other campuses across the country in endorsing the goals of the pact.

Under provisions of the ACUPCC, Ball State will create a comprehensive

institutional action plan moving toward climate neutrality. The plan will set forth the university's continued efforts in adopting green standards for buildings, enhancing Energy Star certification for products purchased by the university, offsetting emissions due to air travel, and more.

The *Kiwi* award marks the second national green honor Ball State has received recently. In August, Senator Richard Lugar visited campus and presented the university's Council on the Environment with the August 2007 Lugar Energy Patriot Award. The council is the longest-standing green committee in Indiana's higher education community

and has long set the stage for Ball State being a leader of sustainability and an innovator with regard to continually improving energy efficiency at all levels of the university.

Family and Consumer Sciences acquires dual accreditation

Both Ball State's Family and Consumer Sciences department and its interior design program have earned accreditation.

FCS received a ten-year accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)

has granted a six-year accreditation to the interior design program.

The FCS department accreditation, which lasts until 2017, places the department in good company. It is estimated that only 20 percent of all college and university family and consumer science programs earn the distinction.

Ball State's interior design program, under the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, prepares students for entry-level positions in such fields as residential design, hospitality design, and store planning. Of the approximately 500 interior design programs in the U.S., 149 have accreditation.

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The Dumoulin's recently made a bequest to benefit Ball State. Lynda, BS '82, and Don, BS '82, stand with their son, Ryan, currently enrolled at Ball State. Their gift will help students for years to come.

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—Don Dumoulin, BS '82



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Inspired Ideas

Remarkable Results

by Denise Greer and Charlotte Shepperd

Ball State bestowed its most prestigious honors upon eight faculty members during the annual fall faculty meeting in August. The outstanding educators, selected by their peers, received cash awards from the Ball State University Foundation and plaques from the Alumni Association during the ceremony. Each was honored for outstanding contributions to students and to the university.



Receiving awards from President Jo Ann Gora (far right) and Provost Terry King (far left) during the annual fall faculty meeting, were: (seated) Linda Siktberg, Outstanding Administrative Service Award; Carol Flores, Outstanding Faculty Award; Marilyn Buck, Outstanding Faculty Service Award; and (back row) Mei Zhong, Outstanding Creative Endeavor Award; Patrick Collier, Outstanding Faculty Academic Advisor Award; Holmes Finch, Outstanding Junior Faculty Award; Kecia McBride, Outstanding Teaching Award; and Sushil Sharma, Outstanding Research Award.



Patrick Collier

Associate Professor of English

Outstanding Faculty Academic Advisor Award

In his eighth year at Ball State, Patrick Collier is associate professor and director of undergraduate programs in the Department of English. According to others in the department, his service to both students and colleagues has made the department a better place to work and study.

For his meticulous attention to detail and his mentorship of students, the university honored Collier with this year's Outstanding Faculty Academic Advisor Award.

"I was just doing my job," Collier says of the recognition, adding, "I do appreciate it, because it reflects well on the English department and our students."

Collier, who has directed undergraduate programs for two years, has created a system that assists both students and other advisors within the department. Detailed advising sheets lay out courses of study, while communication via the Web site and e-mail keeps students up-to-date with course offerings.

His role as advisor, Collier says, presents an opportunity not necessarily afforded in the classroom, because of the ability to interact individually with students.

"It is one of those rare instances as an academic that you see instant results. Teaching requires a lot more faith [and sometimes] you're just not sure whether what you've done has worked or not. With advising, about 90 percent of the time you can solve their problems," he says.

The "just doing his job" mindset goes with Collier into his classroom, where he has lofty expectations of his students that extend beyond learning specific facts. He says it is more important to know skill sets to apply to relevant experiences, and believes that aspect of teaching is a strong suit within his department. "We're preparing majors who can take a skill set with them. I assign a lot of writing and grade it very hard. I hope that adds up to students knowing that writing is a skill you have to practice."

Collier's dedication to his work and sincere interest in his students have not gone unnoticed. One former student explains, "I have friends at larger universities who have never even spoken with their professors or advisors. They are impressed that I have such a mentor and friend in a professor. Well, they should be, because Dr. Collier is a great teacher and advisor and a big reason my time at Ball State was so successful." ■

Marilyn Buck joined Ball State's faculty in 1989 as assistant professor of physical education. She has moved through the ranks, becoming associate chairman of the School of Physical Education Sport, and Exercise Science in 2003, associate dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Technology (CAST) in 2005, and associate provost and dean of University College this year.

Along the way Buck has found time to participate as chairman of University Senate, Core Curriculum Task Forces, and the Strategic Planning Task Force. She also has assumed leadership roles with a number of international, national, regional, and state professional organizations.

For her exceptional commitment and contribution to the university, Buck was honored with this year's Outstanding Faculty Service Award.

She names two individuals as mentors after whom she has patterned her professional career. Buck says the head of the Department of Physical Education at Iowa State when she was an undergraduate was not only an exceptional instructor, she also was involved with professional organizations at the national level. "She taught me about what it meant to give to the profession and what it meant to be a professional," she explains.

At Ball State, Buck points to John Reno, chairman emeritus of the School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science. "In my third year here, John became acting director of the School of Physical Education. I have always tried to emulate the things he has done," she says.

Her role as associate dean of CAST, Buck recalls, enabled her to work collaboratively with individuals outside her own department. She believes her current role echoes that engagement in a broader sense, as she now works with faculty and programs across campus. In both positions she has served as a resource, "facilitating new ideas, helping people accomplish their goals, and then celebrating with them."

A framed image of Benny hangs on a wall in Buck's office, surrounded by quotes that enforce her philosophy as an educator. Benny, she says, is appropriately at the center, representing Ball State's family history and the principles Buck embraces: "taking time, giving back to the community, and giving back to the profession." ■



Marilyn Buck

Associate Provost and Dean of University College

Outstanding Faculty Service Award

In the practice of bringing order to chaos, assistant professor of educational psychology Holmes Finch takes the complex subject of statistics and relates it to individual disciplines of his students. He explains a challenge of his job is helping students overcome fear of subject matter.

"A lot of students, particularly in the non-math and non-technical subjects, tend to dislike and fear statistics. [My philosophy is] to try to make statistics seem useful and the learning of it attainable," he says.

"If I can take fairly abstract statistical ideas that, most of the time, people express mathematically and express them in words, which my students are more comfortable with, and make it understandable, [then I have succeeded]."

Besides learning the core content of statistics, Finch hopes his students leave his class with not only a comfort level in applying those skills but also knowledge to locate resources relevant to their needs. Students say that's exactly what Finch does.

In nominating him for Ball State's Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, which Finch received this fall, two graduate students wrote: "Dr. Finch is one of the finest instructors we have encountered in our combined years of formal education. He explains even the most difficult concepts in ways that the entire class, including students who have had limited exposure to statistics, can understand."

Finch's work extends beyond the classroom. He has an extensive roster of publishing credits and presentations and also serves as director of research in the Office of Charter School Research.

But his focus remains with his students, both in the classroom and individually. That is perhaps partially demonstrated through his involvement with 40 doctoral and master's level committees in various departments across the university.

Modestly acknowledging he makes an effort to be readily accessible, Finch admits he enjoys the outcome. "Working with students and getting them to conferences and publishing papers is very rewarding," he says. "When I see that students have used statistics to uncover something in their field that is interesting to them, then that is exciting. I'm interested to learn what they have discovered." ■



Holmes Finch

Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology

Outstanding Junior Faculty Award



Carol Flores

Professor of Architecture

Outstanding Faculty Award

"I am excited by the material [I teach], and so it makes it easy for students to get excited too," says Carol Flores, professor of architecture, this year's Outstanding Faculty Award recipient.

A member of Ball State's faculty since 1996, Flores is an architecture historian, specializing in the history, theory, and criticism of British and American architecture in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

Passionate about her work as a professor, Flores impresses upon her students to not only have command of their subject matter, but also to know how to obtain other resources. Her teaching philosophy mirrors that idea. "I try to expose students not to the particular information of the course content as much as to the excitement of learning and being able to develop skills that will allow them to learn on their own in the future," Flores says.

Deeply involved with her research, Flores received the Henry-Russell Hitchcock Book Award for her book, *Owen Jones: Design, Ornament, Architecture, and Theory in the Age of Transition*. The book received acclaim from *The Architects' Journal* as one of the "ten best books of the year."

Flores says the book is the result of several years of focused study on Jones, considered the most important colorist of the 19th century. "I started researching Jones in 1993, and I did my dissertation on just his architecture in 1995-96," she says. "I wrote the book beginning in 2004."

Flores also has received the Catherine Bauer Wurster Prize for her internationally recognized work on aesthetics, meaning, and symbolism of architecture and their relationship to culture.

While Flores appreciates being recognized for her scholarly activity, it is her students who take center stage. Some of her more cherished moments have come by mail. "One of the best things in my job is to go to the mailbox and get a postcard from a student that says, 'I have just had the best day of my life. I have seen Florence through your eyes,'" she says.

Flores believes the Outstanding Faculty Award represents lifetime achievement at the university. "It's a pinnacle. I'm very proud of the award," she says, "but it [has been made possible through] opportunities I've had at Ball State to really focus on teaching and research and service." ■



Sushil Sharma

Associate Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management

Outstanding Research Award

Sushil Sharma's teaching philosophy is summarized through four points: Creativity, Advance preparation, Responsibility, and Engagement, creating the acronym, "CARE". His philosophy threads through his work as an educator and prolific researcher.

Sharma says he was inspired to pursue a profession in education when, as an undergraduate student in India, he helped some friends study for exams. We were having an exam every week and I had a couple of friends who asked me to help them. Soon I developed a passion in me for teaching," he explains. "Through teaching them, I was advancing my own learning."

Sharma's interest in advancing learning is evident in his Ball State classroom and pays dividends to his students. He continually updates teaching materials, develops new courses, and incorporates cutting-edge offerings that enable his students to step out with a competitive edge.

Ball State is gaining a reputation as being among the best in the country in information systems training, notes Sharma. "If I can develop students with those skills, if they can prove they are above the rest, and companies realize that our students are good, then, I have earned my job."

An associate professor in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management, Sharma has been a member of the Ball State faculty since 2001. In tandem with his teaching, he has demonstrated a high level of productivity in research and publication.

Increasingly gaining national and international attention for his work, Sharma currently is engaged in two areas of research, one related to computer security, the other to community and social effects of technology. The security research, Sharma says, "focuses on [a sophisticated approach of] how to identify hackers through keystrokes." The second area of study addresses "how technology is changing the social and economic fabric and conditions of the world."

The value and quality of his work has placed Sharma in the national and international spotlight and earned him Ball State's Outstanding Research Award. One nomination letter summarizes the reason Sharma is a deserving recipient: "His creativity and ingenuity in research areas are unsurpassed....His knowledge alone makes him valuable. The fact that he is able to articulate it well with others makes him priceless!" ■

Outstanding Teaching Award recipient Kecia McBride, associate professor of English and chairman of the department, has embarked upon a different kind of teaching endeavor than that of her traditional classroom.

McBride is one of three 2007-08 fellows selected by the Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative inquiry to teach immersive, interdisciplinary, project-driven, and community-based seminars. This fall, McBride and 17 students she hand-picked from a variety of academic disciplines are studying the impact of Title IX, which provides for gender equity in the funding of education. The amendment was passed 35 years ago.

Her current teaching assignment has caused McBride to think about her teaching philosophy. "Immersive learning [as we are doing now], is student-directed and collaborative and has strong ties to the community as well as a final outcome or product. Those are not things that I am used to thinking about in the traditional classroom," she says.

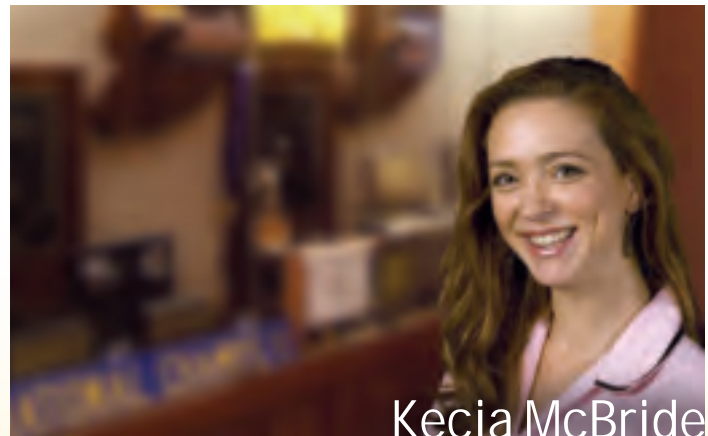
But at the heart of any teacher's philosophy, McBride says, is encouraging students to be "intellectually excited, to be engaged, and leave the classroom wanting to know more about the course topic."

McBride, who has a reputation as a challenging but supportive professor among her graduate students, serves on nine dissertation committees and three thesis committees.

Among the rewards of teaching, McBride says, is helping students to understand a piece of literature or film, or helping them find relevance to their own lives in something they have studied in their courses. "[My reward is when I am] able to help students begin to tease out some patterns and have those little light bulb moments where they start to make connections on their own," she explains.

McBride says a great challenge of teaching is that the fruits of the work are not often immediately noticed, if at all. But her Outstanding Teaching Award from Ball State came with an abundance of proof. She received multiple letters of support for her nomination.

"About half of those letters were from former students, and that just meant the world to me," she says. "I could imagine in the future pulling those letters out when I'm having a bad day and feeling there is truly some tangible support." ■



Kecia McBride

Associate Professor of English and Department Chairman

Outstanding Teaching Award

"I have never thought I could do another job besides music," says associate professor of voice Mei Zhong, whose training began with violin lessons when she was six years old. Today Zhong is internationally known as an accomplished teacher, singer, and scholar. She credits her parents, who were collegiate level educators, and numerous instructors for teaching her perseverance and instilling her with a commendable work ethic.

"[My parents] are my models, and they are still encouraging me. Working hard is always a topic in my family," Zhong says.

Of her teachers, she says: "I always felt my teachers treated me in a very professional way. They challenged me and pushed me and made me accomplish what I have."

Zhong has an extensive performance record, an impressive list of research publications and presentations, and an international reputation as an outstanding teacher. Her recent book, *Anthology of Chinese Songs, Volume I: Newly Arranged Chinese Folk Songs*, has been called "a gold mine" for learning about Chinese singing and performance tradition.

An opera singer and concert soloist, Zhong has performed extensively in both China and the United States and says she feels comfortable in a performance setting. "The stage is our own world. It is our home. I'm really not scared of mistakes or failure while on stage. I just enjoy the music and enjoy that moment."

As she pushes herself, constantly honing and exercising her skills, Zhong challenges her students to achieve their full potential. "I want them to learn how to take challenge in their lives, in their work, and in their study," she says.

In the same vein, by her example she lends encouragement. "I don't have big dreams. I never thought I would be a singer or a great teacher. I just accomplish things little by little. I never give up the small goals."

Her extraordinary creative and artistic achievements helped Zhong earn this year's Outstanding Creative Endeavor Award. One of Zhong's supporting letters for the honor is a fitting explanation: "Performing, teaching, researching, writing, presenting, Professor Zhong seems constantly moving ahead, bringing her students, colleagues, and audiences with her." ■



Mei Zhong

Associate Professor of Music Performance

Outstanding Creative Endeavor Award



Linda Siktberg
Associate Professor and Director, School of Nursing

Outstanding Administrative Service Award

During her six-year tenure as director of the School of Nursing, Linda Siktberg, 2007 Outstanding Administrative Service Award recipient, has been a catalyst for the success of the nursing program at Ball State.

"It's been rewarding to be a colleague with faculty and staff in the School of Nursing," Siktberg says.

A graduate of Ball State's RN program, Siktberg has been on the faculty for 25 years, serving as both a teacher and administrator. Her educational philosophy, which includes creating a student-centered, collaborative environment that enables students to transfer knowledge to clinical settings, Siktberg believes, is embraced by her faculty.

"Through faculty collaboration, the school has increased student growth and success, and developed stronger community and international partnerships," she says.

She has been integral in establishing an international partnership with the University of Worcester in England, which has led to joint faculty presentations nationally and internationally. In conjunction with the partnership, three University of Worcester students will come to Ball State in January 2008 for a six-week intensive nursing clinical experience in the baccalaureate program.

Siktberg has been an administrative leader. As the undergraduate nursing program continues to increase in enrollment, the pass rates for graduates remain high, to levels of nearly 100 percent. To address the nursing shortage throughout the country, Siktberg and the school developed undergraduate and master's distance learning programs. The school also has embraced the use of innovative technology applications in the classroom, Simulation Laboratory, and clinical agencies.

"Technology integration is revolutionizing the pedagogy of nursing," Siktberg says. "The school is in the process of completing the first phase of a state-of-the-art simulation center. The center will provide a variety of opportunities for students to experience real-life patient events and develop their clinical judgment skills in a safe environment."

Her dedication to continued success for the school has not gone unnoticed. A supporting letter for her nomination for the Outstanding Administrative Service Award refers to Siktberg's leadership: "Dr. Siktberg is future-oriented, a much-needed perspective in providing education for nurses who must be ready to provide care in an increasingly complex health care system." ■

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Muncie, IN • Homecoming Week • October 8-13

It was a week when weather cooperated, records were set, traditions continued, and people were celebrated. From opening day activities Monday through the post-game celebration Saturday, the campus “Rolled Out the Red” for Homecoming 2007.

Residence halls and campus offices were decorated with varied interpretations of this year’s theme, “Roll Out the Red,” greeting judges with red-carpet treatment as they vied for the title of “Best” in their category.

In a return to tradition, students, faculty, and staff witnessed the first Homecoming bonfire in two decades as the Homecoming Steering Committee officially kicked off a week-long celebration Monday evening. The bonfire

was part of Opening Day festivities that included a theme-oriented residence hall dinner, games, and the coronation of the faculty/staff queen and king. Hannah Miller, assistant director of student programs, and Mitch Isaacs, residence hall director for Botsford-Swinford Halls, won the chance to reign, along with student royalty, over Homecoming festivities.

Twenty acts competed for scholarships Tuesday evening during the 23rd annual Talent Search. The Alumni Association provided \$4,500 in scholarships to acknowledge winners in eight categories of competition. On Wednesday, more than 2,800 participants gathered through the evening and were treated to a carillon concert during the Music on

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Homecoming

McKinley event, which concluded with a spectacular display of fireworks.

This year's student royalty courts were announced during Air Jam Thursday night in Emens Auditorium. A capacity crowd watched as Lyndsey

Adams, representing Botsford-Swinford Residence Halls, and Kyle Johnson, sponsored by Student Voluntary Services, were crowned queen and king.

Friday's events began with the traditional Bed Race and concluded

with the annual Alumni Awards dinner. The evening program included a university update from President Jo Ann Gora and recognition of Alumni Association award recipients. A capacity audience watched as three Distinguished Alumni and four Benny Award recipients were honored. Eight Graduate Of the Last Decade (GOLD) Award winners also were acknowledged, along with the Robert E. Linson Scholarship recipients.

Thousands of people lined the streets on a perfect weather day to watch Saturday's 146-unit parade as it wound its way from its starting point at Muncie Central High School through campus. Nearly 700 attended the pre-game lunch and rally before the 2:00 p.m. kickoff at Scheumann Stadium between Ball State and Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers. The Cardinals powered past the Hilltoppers for an exciting 35-12 victory. ■



Besty Mills and Matt Lacy, royalty candidates sponsored by the Student Government Association, portray Carter, the hot dog man, and his hot dog during the Royalty Fashion Show.

Time-honored traditions

Ball State's Homecoming tradition spans 81 years. An entire week of events unfold that incorporates the students, faculty and staff, community of Muncie, and thousands of alumni.

Awards play an important part in the festivities. The 2007 Homecoming student competition concluded with University Singers tallying the most points and winning the Ashley Participation Award.

Students vie all week to accumulate participation points. The Ashley Award honors the late Ray Ashley, former Alumni Association assistant director, who served as advisor to the Homecoming Steering Committee for 16 years. The award was

established in 1978.

The Robert E. Linson Award honors students who contribute their time, energy, and talent to student-alumni related programs at Ball State. The recognition is named to acknowledge Linson, who served as a dedicated Ball State employee for 32 years, including executive director of the Alumni Association and vice president for University Relations.

This year's recipients were David Downing and Brian Geiselhart. Both were members of the 2007 Homecoming Steering Committee and Geiselhart also is a member of Student Alumni Relations Team (StART).

Ashley Awards

Ashley Participation Awards are given to student organizations in three categories: Residence Halls, Greek, and Independent. An overall award is presented to the organization accumulating the greatest number of points among the groups.

Overall: University Singers

Residence Halls: 1st Place: Schmidt/Wilson; 2nd Place: Stu East; 3rd Place: Woodworth

Greek: 1st Place: Kappa Delta; 2nd Place: FIJI; 3rd Place: Theta Chi

Independent: 1st Place: University Singers; 2nd Place: Black Student Association; 3rd Place: Spectrum

Monday, Opening Games



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Tuesday, Scholarship Talent Search



Wednesday, Music on McKinley





President Jo Ann Gora and BSUAA President Charles Green pose with this year's Distinguished Alumni Award winners Robert Browning, Matthew Momper, and Michael Smith following Friday's Homecoming Awards Dinner.

Alumni Awards

The Alumni Association presents three awards that acknowledge alumni and friends for their commitment and service. They include the Distinguished Alumni, Benny, and Graduate of the Last Decade awards.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor granted by the Alumni Association. To be considered, an alumnus must have demonstrated loyalty to Ball State University and the Alumni Association and have made significant contributions to his or her profession, community, or to society. The award was first granted in 1959 and continues to honor as many as three outstanding alumni each year. This year's Distinguished Alumni are: **J. Robert Browning**, '75, co-founder of Peters, Browning & Co., P.C.; **Matthew J. Momper**, '83, president of Momper Insulation; and **Michael P. Smith**, '73, executive director of Northwestern University's Media Management Center and chairman of the Media Management Department's MBA program.

The Benny Award was established in 1975 and is the Alumni Association's top honor for service to Ball State and the Alumni Association. The award includes a limestone carving of Indiana, made from the facing



Distinguished Alumnus Mike Smith waves to hundreds of Homecoming parade spectators in the Village.

obtained from the Beneficence columns when stonework was replaced in 1971. The 2007 Benny Award recipients are: **Kevin J. Ervin**, '82; **Joseph D. Hernandez**, '84MA91; **Stephanie M. Myers**, '91MA92; and **Richard L. Moake**, '72.

The Graduate Of the Last Decade (GOLD) Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments of recent graduates. First granted in 1999, the award is designed to acknowledge both traditional and non-traditional alumni. GOLD Award recipients for 2007 are: **Jay A. Bieszke**, '97; **Adam C. Holderman**, '99; **Joyce E. Jamerson**, '97; **Kelli A. Lawrence**, '01; **Karen E. Mangia**, '97MS98; **Danesa R. Stolz**, '97; **Adam D. Thies**, '00; and **Kate T. Webber**, '98MA99.

Homecoming Parade

The 2007 Homecoming parade featured 146 units. Campus groups, Muncie businesses, and other organizations entered units displaying their Cardinal Pride. The following were winning entries in their respective categories:

Bands: 1st Place: Muncie Central High School; 2nd Place: Mississinewa High School; 3rd Place: Cowan High School

Floats: Greek Division Winner: FIJI & Alpha Chi Omega; Independent Division Winner: University Singers; Residence Hall Division Winner: Stu East; Community Division Winner: Delaware County Republican Party; Overall Winner: University Singers

Banners: Independent Division Winner: American Sign Language Club; Residence Hall Division Winner: Knotts/Edwards; Community Division Winner: Edmund Burke Ball Chapter Demolay; Overall Winner: Knotts/Edwards

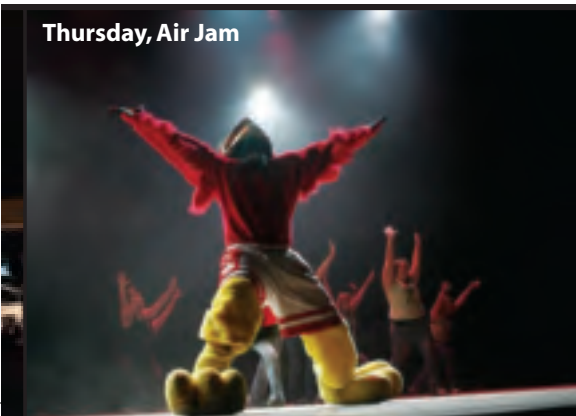
Car/Walking Units: Greek Division Winner: Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Independent Division Winner: *Ball State Daily News*; Residence Hall Division Winner: Botsford/Swinford; Community Division Winner: IBE/Muncie Chapter Black Expo #3; Overall Winner: *Ball State Daily News*

Golf Cart Entries: Independent Division Winner: Ball State Student Foundation; Residence Hall Division Winner: Woody/Shales; Community Division Winner: Bio Life & Plasma Services; Overall Winner: Woody/Shales

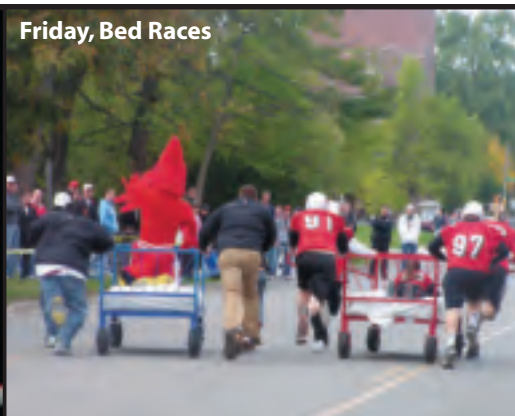
Baton/Dance: 1st Place: Cole Academy

Equestrian: 1st Place: Muncie Light Horse Club

Thursday, Air Jam



Friday, Bed Races



Saturday, Parade



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Updating the campus dining experience

Woodworth Commons reopens as a fresh, airy, and inviting place for the campus community to dine and gather

by Katherine Tryon

Sunlight cascading through two-story atrium windows adds extra warmth to the cozy atmosphere of the dining room. Guests quietly chat with one another in small groups while servers float through the crowd offering samples of chai lattes and assorted hors d'oeuvres. The event, two years in the making, has all the details of an elegant reception, including a live jazz band, and marks the fourth ribbon-cutting ceremony of the academic year: the reopening of Woodworth Commons.

The dining hall closed in 2005 for a \$5 million renovation. It reopened this fall as one of the premier dining halls in the country. The facility is just one of the improvements Dining Services has implemented on campus.

"Simply put, Woodworth Commons is a state-of-the-art building," says Jon Lewis, director of Dining Services,

who adds that Woodworth has garnered attention from colleges and universities around the country that are considering similar projects.

Warm colors and wooden textures have replaced Woodworth's outdated 1980s design. Oversized couches and plasma TVs provide students with an experience that extends well beyond dining.

Elizabeth Poore, director of operations for Dining Services, explains the updates. "With Woodworth Commons, there was a need for a sense of community," she says. "We wanted [Woodworth] to be a place to congregate and socialize."

Open 24 hours a day, Woodworth Commons allows students access not available through other dining halls on campus. Poore explains that by having Woodworth Commons available to students all the time it continues to build the sense of community. Students can do homework, study, or mingle even after the food services end for the day.

There is an openness throughout, from the design of the atrium to the accessibility of the dining hall to the preparation of the food.

"There was a need for a sense of community. We wanted Woodworth to be a place to congregate and socialize."

—Elizabeth Poore



April Dowdle, Ann Talley, Greg Graham, President Jo Ann Gora, Jon Lewis, Amy Grasso, Liz Poore, Chuck Peabody, and Vice President Thomas Kinghorn cut the ribbon to officially reopen Woodworth Commons after a two-year renovation.

Poore says another building on Ball State's campus inspired Woodworth's two-story atrium and open design. "We definitely knew after the Atrium was completed in the Art and Journalism Building that this was something we wanted to do again, to make the space more open," she says.

Food stations offering display cooking echo the openness of the facility. "Students want to see their food being made in front of them," Poore says, adding that food preparation directly in the serving area has become a trend in dining.

The traditional salad bar with a plexiglass sneeze guard is a thing of the past. Instead, patrons select the items they want in their salads and have a server spin them in the dressing of their choice. They can also choose



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Woodworth Commons' Sous Chef Cameron Griggs prepares a pizza fresh from the woodstone oven at Della Casa.

their favorite pizza, fresh from the wood stone oven, or have stir-fry prepared for them on the Mongolian grill.

Dining Services continues to make improvements to better accommodate the students, faculty, staff, and guests it serves. One of the new services is payment by debit and credit cards at more than half of the dining locations on campus.

"In recent years most students haven't carried cash," Lewis says. He adds the debit and credit card payment option is on a trial basis, but he expects the service to continue and expand.

A new meal plan also has been initiated to specifically target staff, faculty, and students who do not live in residence halls. The plan allows the

customer to choose a package of five lunches a week, five meals a week, 75 meals an academic year, or 100 meals an academic year.

A Web-based food ordering system is another new offering. Students can log in from any computer and place an order at the Atrium's McKinley Grille or Block 'N' Barrel, or Woodworth Commons' Deli World, Woody's Grille, or Della Casa and their order will be ready to pick up when they arrive.

With the launch of the new services completed and Woodworth Commons reopened, Dining Services is preparing to take on two new projects. The plan for new North Residence Hall is to have a grab-and-go food service similar to the Micro-Cafe in Noyer Hall. According to Lewis, Dining

Services also is in the planning stages of Cardinal Crossing renovations. In late September, Envision Strategies, a nationally recognized food service consultant, conducted focus groups and an e-mail survey to research the food brands students, faculty, and staff want on campus. The research will help determine what food stations will be incorporated into the L.A. Pittenger Student Center renovation, which is scheduled to begin next spring.

With more construction projects on the horizon, Woodworth Commons stands as an example for the state-of-the-art accommodations Dining Services strives to give the university community. ■

on the SIDELINES

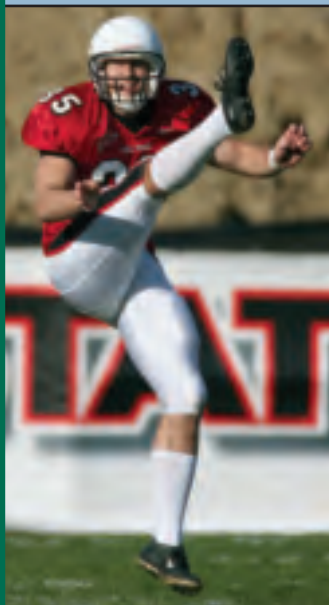
Miller named to award watch list

Chris Miller (Libertyville, IL/Carmel H.S.), a junior punter on the Ball State football team, has been named to the Ray Guy Award Watch List, which recognizes the nation's top collegiate punter and is determined by a selection committee designated by the Greater Augusta Sports Council.

The list will be narrowed to ten semifinalists in early November on ESPN.

Miller, who was named to the *Playboy* All-America Preseason Football Team last summer, punted 57 times for 2,637 yards, with a long punt of 78 yards last season. Of his 57 punts, 20 were placed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, ten were touchbacks, and six were fair catches.

Miller's 2,637 punt yards ranked as the tenth-highest single-season total in school history, while his 46.3 net punting average was the second best in school annals, behind only **Brad Maynard**, '95, who averaged 46.5 in 1995.



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BSUAA announces 2007 Coach of Year awards

The Alumni Association has announced six spring sports high school Coach of the Year awards. The awards are presented to Indiana high school head coaches in all IHSAA-recognized sports. Recipients are recommended and selected by colleagues throughout the state and Ball State athletics representatives. This year's recipients are: **Rob Kratoska**, '90; **Steve Kearney**, '70; **Tim Cleland**, '87; **Scott Hall**, '99; **Keith Turner**, '95; and **Greg Dikos**, '80.

Kratoska is the boy's track coach at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. The Rebels had a season win-loss record of 14-4, which includes winning the Marion County All-Catholic Invitational. Kratoska's history

at the school includes 26 school records, 13 sectional championships, six regional championships, three visits to the state finals, and coaching state qualifiers in 22 events.

Kearney, girl's track coach at Chesterton High School, had a 10-3 win-loss record last season. The team placed second in the sectional and third at the regional. Last season, the Lady Trojans broke five school records during the season.

Cleland coaches tennis for Delta High School in Muncie. The Lady Eagles had a win-loss record of 17-4, adding to Cleland's overall record of 226-30. The team was sectional and regional champion in 2007.

Hall coaches the Pendleton Heights High School softball

team and led the Lady Arabians to a 24-1 season record, coaching three Division One scholarship players. The Lady Arabians enjoyed a conference championship and a top ranking in the state for the majority of the season.

Turner led the Carmel High School Millers boy's golf team to several invitational championships, including the Bishop Chatard Invitational and the North Central Invitational. The Millers were ranked number one throughout the spring.

Dikos coached the Penn High School baseball team to Class 4-A sectional and regional champions, while leading the Kingsmen to a season win-loss record of 25-7.

in other NEWS

Field Hockey team second in MAC poll

The 2007 Ball State field hockey team has been selected to finish second in the Mid-American Conference by the league's coaches.

Ball State is coming off its best league campaign since 1999, after recording a 6-4 MAC record and a second-place conference finish in 2006. The Cardinals advanced to the MAC Tournament championship game before falling to conference champion Ohio.

Ball State returns 12 letterwinners and seven starters from its 2006 team, including two-time All-MAC Second Team selection Lauren Cruz. Senior Katie Kloeckener is the Cardinals' top returning scorer.

In the 25-year history of MAC field hockey, Ball

State has collected 16 regular season championships and ten conference tournament titles.

Women's volleyball launches booster club, Charlie's Crew

Ball State's women's volleyball program has instituted a booster club, "Charlie's Crew." The goal

of the group is to bring the volleyball fan base closer to the program. An aim of Charlie's Crew is to assist women's volleyball in enhancing the student-athlete experience, increasing attendance at home matches, providing additional fund-raising resources, and increasing awareness of Ball State volleyball in the community.



BSU Fans travel to Nebraska

Bill Baker, '95, Denver, CO; **Josh Vogel**, '95, Denver, CO; and **Mike Urbanski**, '95, Austin, TX, join forces to cheer on the Cardinals at Nebraska, September 22. The Cornhuskers completed a last-second field goal to defeat the Cardinals, 41-40, in front of a Nebraska crowd of 84,000.

courtesy, Josh Vogel



Ball State fun facts

— Did you know?

Ball State's spirited host, Charlie Cardinal, has served as the official mascot of the university's intercollegiate athletics program since 1969. Charlie's appearance has changed four times, with the most recent change in 2006.



BSU men's basketball adds to coaching roster

Joseph Price, Jim Molinari, and Bob Simmons have been named assistant coaches for the Ball State men's basketball program.

Price completed his fifth season as an assistant coach at IUPUI in 2006-07. His primary role there included player development, opponent scouting, and recruiting. He also worked with the post players along with individual defensive and shooting instruction. In 2005-06, IUPUI ranked among the nation's best free-throw shooting teams.

Price was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2007 Men's Silver Anniversary Team, which recognizes outstanding high school graduates from 25 years earlier.

Price played collegiately at Notre Dame. The Irish were 84-37 in Price's four seasons. He closed his Notre Dame career ranked fifth in career games played (115).

Following his senior season, he was chosen in the 1986 NBA Draft by the Washington Bullets. The 6-foot-5 Price played professionally in France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, and Spain. He also instructed at the Swiss All-Star Basketball Camps every summer during his playing career.

Molinari most recently served as the interim head coach at Minnesota in 2006-07, after the resignation of Dan Monson. Molinari went to Minnesota as a defensive specialist. Minnesota finished third in the conference in scoring defense at 62.7 points per



Molinari

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Price

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Simmons

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game in Big Ten play. The Gophers led the Big Ten in field goal percentage defense (.424) and three-point field goal percentage defense (.274) in conference play.

Before Minnesota, Molinari was an NBA scout for the Toronto Raptors and Miami Heat.

For 11 seasons, he was the head coach at Bradley University, where he amassed a 176-150 (.540) record and guided the Braves to the postseason six times, with five NIT appearances and a trip to the 1996 NCAA Tournament.

In addition, nearly 90 percent of Molinari's student-athletes received their degrees.

After earning his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1977, Molinari received a juris doctorate from DePaul University in 1980. His college basketball playing career began at Kansas State. In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, he led the 1997 USA Basketball men's team to a gold medal at the World University Games in Trapani, Italy.

Simmons spent the previous five seasons at Lehigh University under Billy Taylor, Ball State's new head basketball coach. He helped Taylor and Lehigh to the Patriot League Championship and NCAA Tournament in 2004. Previously he had been head coach at Delaware Valley College for two years before

joining Taylor's staff at Lehigh in 2002.

Simmons served as an assistant coach at Lebanon Valley College, where he managed a variety of areas, including recruiting, scouting, academics, strength and conditioning, player development, and camps.

In his four years at Lebanon Valley, the Flying Dutchmen posted a 78-35 record (.690 winning percentage) and qualified for the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs each year. Lebanon Valley reached the NCAA Division III playoffs in both 1997 and 1999.

Prior to coaching at Lebanon Valley, Simmons was assistant coach, director of athletics, and camp director at Bishop Hafey High School, his alma mater, in Hazleton, PA.

Simmons played at Wilkes University and later served as a student assistant coach for the 1992-93 season. He spent part of two summers as head coach of a team of Division III All-Stars that traveled to Europe to face semi-professional competition in 1999 and 2000, and he spent one summer as an assistant coach of a Division II All-Star team that traveled to South America.

Simmons earned his bachelor's degree from Wilkes.

Women's basketball names assistant

Longtime Kokomo High School head coach **Charlie Hall**, '80, has joined Ball State's women's basketball coaching staff as an assistant. Hall is a three-time recipient of the BSU Alumnus Coach of the Year award.



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Hall was the varsity girl's head coach at Kokomo High School for eight seasons (1997-2004, 2005-06).

Hall guided the Lady Kats to eight outright North Central Conference (NCC) titles in eight seasons. He led his team to the 2002-03 state championship and a perfect 26-0 record that season. He earned NCC Coach of the Year honors seven out of his eight seasons and was inducted into the Howard County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Women's basketball picked first in MAC

For the first time in program history, the Ball State women's basketball team has been picked as the preseason favorite to win the Mid-American Conference West Division and the MAC Tournament title. The preseason picks are decided by league coaches and institutional voters.

The Cardinals will open 2007-08 season play with an exhibition game Friday, November 2 as they host the Hoosier Lady Stars at 7:30 p.m. at Worthen Arena. Ball State opens the regular season Saturday, November 10, hosting Louisville at 1:00 p.m.

CLASSNOTES

HIGHLIGHT

by Jacob M. Laskowski

"I always knew I wanted to work at Walt Disney World," explains **Jennifer Kelm**, '03, "I can remember being down here on vacation and just looking in awe at all of the performers and telling my mom, 'that's what I want to do someday.'"

Kelm got that chance in 2006 when she auditioned for the staging specialist job at the Magic Kingdom theme park. She learned an entire dance routine and taught it to a group of dancers in a very short time, she says.

She explains her job as a staging specialist. "I am responsible for teaching and maintaining all of the choreographed routines here in the park," she says.

Kelm must know every role for all park performances, which include two daily parades with more than 100 roles and seven daily shows.

Kelm says her years at Ball State helped prepare her for her current work. She was involved in the dance

Jennifer Kelm



Jennifer Kelm is a staging specialist at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

program while on campus, where she honed skills in ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance. The experience, she says, "gave me a very versatile background." Kelm also credits work as a teacher's assistant with helping her to fine tune her teaching skills.

Kelm has aspirations to choreograph her own shows at the park. "It would be amazing to someday see my choreography up on the stage in front of Cinderella's Castle, or on a parade down Main Street, U.S.A.," she concludes.

Marilyn J. Beck, '55, Brooklyn Heights, NY, has been involved in the PBS Independent Film Series, including *The Delivery Boy* and *Ragdoll*.

Luella G. (Barr) Dick, '55, Las Cruces, NM, teaches K-5 vocal and general music at Valley View Elementary in Las Cruces.

Annette (Howell) Fuson, '55, Belton, TX, has authored a book, *Straight Talk for Teenage Girls*.

Jalene A. (Joyce) Howse, '58, Indianapolis, has been honored as a musician on a country music Web site.

Robert Short, '58MA65, Fort Wayne, and his wife, **Mary E. (Selle) Short**, '59MA65, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

In Memoriam

Merna M. (Barner) Rinker, '52MA56, Monon, July 29.

Laura V. (Cornett) Watson, '52, Indianapolis, August 19.

Thomas D. Marks, '53, New Castle, September 4.

Peggy L. (Neff) Ahlbrand, '54, Ballwin, MO, May 31, 2006.

Mary A. (Little) Steele, '55, Grottoes, VA, August 10.

Vida J. (Townsend) Pearson, '56MAE63, Marion, August 21.

Patricia I. (Wells) Mullin, '57, Huntsville, AL, September 2.

Sheila A. (Stine) Shields, '58, Fort Wayne, September 1.

Suzette Brown, MA59, Oceanside, CA, June 9.

Mary M. (Regisser) Polite, '59, Angola, July 26.

1920s

In Memoriam

Marjorie I. (Graham) Stephens, '29, Kendallville, January 25.

1930s

In Memoriam

Rosamond V. (Ade) Stout, '34, Muncie, August 1.

Blaine C. Lisk, '38, Sarasota, FL, August 8.

Martha J. (Bell) Foutz, '39, Losantville, August 9.

1940s

In Memoriam

Barbara A. (Rector) Bartlett, '40, Memphis, TN, July 23.

Mary L. (Smith) Hanson, '41, Huntington, August 18.

Alice J. (Baker) Ulrey, '41MA65, Parker City, August 27.

Erith G. Wike, '41MA57, Buchanan, MI, July 3.

Helen I. (Williams) Bibler, '44, Estes Park, CO, August 11.

Mary M. (Shaw) Haymond, '45, Sun City Center, FL, August 20.

Jane A. (Havens) Hoover, '45MAE73, Richmond, August 14.

Rosemary J. (Cunningham) Smith, '45, Muncie, September 2.

1950s

News

Norman L. Taylor, '51MA52, Naples, FL, holds state track and field records in Florida.

Marian E. Wells, '52MAE70, and her husband, **Forrest E. Wells**, '50MA52, Sun Prairie, WI, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, August 14.

Carolyn L. (Lomont) Hill, '54 and her husband Franklin, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, May 29.

1960s

News

Vivien J. (Snyder) Clark, '61, Loveland, CO, has established Laughing Woman Publishing Company. She recently released an educational musical CD for children, *Rhyming the Rockies*.

Dale E. Alexander, '63, Xenia, OH, has retired after serving 30 years with the Health District in Dayton, OH.

Dennis L. Hood, '63, Elgin, IL, is the safety manager for Judson University.

Rose M. (McCoy) Peters, '63, Wheatfield, retired from orthopedic surgery nursing in 2005. She was married July 18.

Harold A. Melser, '67, Columbia, IL, is the vice president of development for the Saint Louis Science Center.

David C. Stout, '67MA72, Muncie, has been named news director for Backyard Broadcasting's Indiana Cluster of radio stations.

Sherry J. (Spencer) Foster, '68, Mooresville, has retired as a guidance counselor from

Pike High School in Indianapolis, after 39 years in education.

Anna V. Liechty, MA68, and her brother, **Paul S. Liechty**, MA51EdS69, live in a retirement center in Berne. Anna is 91 and Paul is 89 years old.

Stephen P. Midkiff, '68, Fishers, has been named executive director of the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues.

V. Robert Agostino, EdD69, Allison Park, PA, has retired from the Duquesne University School of Education.

Emily M. (Hoyt) Kress, '69MAE72, Parker City, has been named the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Staff Person of the Year. She is a former Ball State Benny Award recipient and past member of the Alumni Council.

Gene A. Lee, '69, Golden, CO, has been awarded the Ball Company's Award of Excellence. He works as a principal scientist with packaging technology for Ball's metal beverage packaging division, Americas.

In Memoriam

Reese M. House, '60MA61, Washington, DC, September 10.

Irene R. (Rigby) Murphy, '60MAE65, Pennville, August 21.

Stanley W. Brewer, MA61, Knightstown, August 4.

Billy J. French, MA61, Lapel, August 16.

John G. Kennedy, '61MA63, North Hollywood, CA, August 14.

Richard H. Beckman, MA62, Fort Wayne, August 28.

June (Vollrath) Irving, MA62EdD65, Muncie, July 26.

William L. Obenour, MA62, Rhome, TX, August 18.

Kenneth E. Ross, MA62, Hartford City, August 17.

Thomas E. Wilson, '62MA65, Mission Viejo, CA, March 23.

Judith A. Emshwiller, '63MAE69, Hartford City, August 28.

Rosemary (Johnston) Jones, MA63, Pendleton, August 27.

William R. McKinley, '63, Marion, September 1.

Grace I. Pilgrim, '64, Richmond, July 25.

Phyllis E. Poe, '64, Nashville, TN, July 25.

Evelyne C. Robinson, '64MA71, Shelbyville, August 4.

Bill T. Weaver, MA64, Gravel Switch, KY, September 1.

Kathryn E. (Smith) Weaver, MA64, Gravel Switch, KY, August 22.

Rosemary F. (Love) Gindhart, '65MA70, Muncie, September 5.

Peggy J. (Bumgardner) Jolly, MA65, Walton, July 24.

Donald E. Roberts, '65MAE69, Topeka, KS, August 12.

Johnny T. Schroeder, '65, Fishers, August 31.

Pat J. Raucci, '67, Fort Wayne, July 25.

Lois J. (Harshbarger) Baker, '68MAE70, Indianapolis, September 27.

Elma G. (Rohrbaugh) Hickman, '68, Greenwood, September 1.

Larry L. Blaesing, '69, Davenport, FL, July 26.

Bernice M. (Whitney) Schulz, MA69, Seattle, WA, September 15.

1970s

News

Richard W. Butterfoss, MAE70, Pennington, NJ, recently received a Telly Award for his documentary on Patrick Dougherty, *Twisted Logic*.

David A. Clark, '71MA74, Brownsburg, is a managing partner at Clark CPA Group in Brownsburg. His wife, **Roberta J. (Davis) Clark**, MA73, is a second-grade teacher at Cardinal Elementary in Brownsburg.

Patricia K. (Huber) Cummings, MAE72, Plainfield, is a volunteer with ambassadorsforchildren.org. She recently worked in Jordan Refugee Camps and orphanages.

Cynthia A. (Stevens) Dwyer, '72, Sebring, FL, has published her second children's book, *Four-Eyed Phillip*.

Marvella F. (Propes) Easterling, '70MAE74, Bennettsville, SC, has retired after 37 years of teaching.

Thomas J. Gavin, MA72, Berthoud, CO, has retired from the University of Northern Colorado after 22 years.

Linda L. Long, '72MA73, Whitewater, WI, has retired from the University of Wisconsin after 29 years of service.

Joseph I. Mynhier, '72, Zionsville, has been elected to the American College of Healthcare Architects. He is an architect with BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Sharon A. Robinson, '72, Carmel, competed in her first mini-marathon in May. She is a

centurion with the Century 21 Realty Group in Indianapolis.

Kenneth C. Doty, Jr., '73, Crawfordsville, has received the WTHI-TV Golden Apple Award, for excellence in teaching. He has taught music for 34 years at Rockville Elementary School in Rockville.

Linda M. (Stroud) Downey, '74, Bowling Green, has retired from MSD of Shakamak in Jasonville.

Daniel H. Stauber, MA74, Indianapolis, has been named the primary partner for the Indiana Center for Families in Transition, LLP.

Donald R. Able, '75, Indianapolis, has been elected to the American College of Healthcare Architects. He is an architect with BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Terry K. Strickland, '75MA78, Sturtevant, WI, works as the director of clinical services and administration for Bensinger, DuPont and Associates in Chicago, IL. Terry also has a private practice in Vernon Hills, IL.

Jeffrey L. Wihebrink, '75, Fort Wayne, obtained a doctorate from Southern California University in August.

Victoria L. (Newsom) Ehret, '76MA81, Largo, FL, is pastor of St. Petersburg First Church of the Brethren, St. Petersburg, FL.

David Kastner, '76, New Port Richey, FL, recently exhibited his art at an exhibition at the Isosahedron Gallerie in New York City.

Monte Hoover, '77, Fishers, has been elected to the American College of Healthcare Architects. He is an architect with BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis.

Pamela G. (Boltz) Necessary, '77MA80, Winchester, is the principal at Grissom Elementary, in Muncie.

Student Alumni Relations Team

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Marriages

Gleta (Martin), '74, to John D. Hauser, January 20, 2006. The couple resides in Almena, WI.

In Memoriam

Charles R. Kindig, MS70, Lake Almanor, CA, August 10.

Martha A. (Kendall) Parker, MLS70, Phoenix, AZ, August 10.

Dian D. (Leamnon) Phipps, MAE70, Dublin, VA, September 5.

Terry L. (Jones) Metcalf, '71, Krum, TX, July 24.

Andrew J. Rusnak, PhD71, Erie, PA, July 28.

Cynthia S. (Taber) Sacchini, '71MAE78, Bloomington, September 21.

Timothy W. Hill, '72, Michigan City, August 7.

Kent E. Carvin, '73, Columbus, August 3.

Judith E. Weiss, '73, Greenville, OH, August 5.

Susan K. (Gibson) Wiseman, MA74, Toledo, OH, July 29.

Eric M. Ellison, '75, Puyallup, WA, July 29.

Russell L. Kilgore, '75, Muncie, September 5.

Mary J. Gardner, '77MAE84, Elwood, July 26.

1980s

News

Brian A. DeRue, '80, West Hollywood, CA, has been promoted to regional inventory analyst for the sports and entertainment division of the ARAMARK Corporation.

Lisa D. (Puckett) Anderson, '81MAE02MLS84, Winchester, is a media specialist at Hartford

City Middle School. She also is director of media services for the Blackford County School Corporation, Hartford City.

Robbin L. Chapman, '81, Kissimmee, FL, has received her master of science degree in nursing education from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL.

Ken S. Deuser, '81, Fishers, is the senior vice president at Saxony Management Co.

Ellen L. (Etscheid) Flannigan, '81, Winnetka, IL, has been elected judge of the Cook County circuit court for the State of Illinois.

Michael T. Scanlon, '81, Indianapolis, is a new partner of the environmental law department of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP in Indianapolis. **Douglas A. Jones**, '82, Santa Clarita, CA, plays the role of the Silver Surfer in *Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer*. Doug is a Ball State GOLD Award recipient.

Mary E. Campbell, '83, Washington, DC, has received her doctorate in psychology. She is the director of risk management for the Department of Mental Health in Washington.

Harry C. Knight, Jr., '83, McCordsville, has been named the first vice president of medical affairs for Community Hospitals North and East.

Keith A. Stone, '83, South Bend, has been named chief operating officer for Gibson Insurance Group, where he also serves as vice president and chief financial officer.

Joseph V. Trahan, III, MA84, Stockbridge, GA, has been elected chairman of the PRSA Educators Academy for 2007-09. He also is a part-time public relations visiting professor at Georgia State University.

Douglas W. Abrams, '85, Indianapolis, has been elected to the American College of Healthcare Architects. He is an architect with BSA LifeSystems in Indianapolis.

Tammy L. O'Connor, '85, Sammamish, WA, is a corporate compliance manager for Symetra Financial in Bellevue, WA.

Barbara A. (Johnson) Shull, '85, Cary, NC, is a sales associate with the SAS Institute, where she works with pharmaceutical software.

Alice L. (Beckner) Livesay, '86, Monon, has been promoted to special programs coordinator/office manager at the White County Community Corrections Office.

Michael J. Mettler, '86BS88, Huntington, has accepted the position of manager of the Huntington Environmental Health Program.

Christopher S. O'Bryhim, '87, Westfield, is vice president of human resources for Thomson Multimedia.

Linda A. (Samworth) Lewis, '88, Alexandria, received her master of library science degree from IUPUI in August. She is employed as the young adult librarian at Westfield Washington Public Library, Westfield.

Marsha S. (Doolin) Meckel, '88MA06, Greenfield, has joined BSA LifeStructures as an associate in the healthcare resources department.

Erik R. Deckers, '89MA90, Indianapolis, is the new director of sales and marketing for VisionDirect, a direct mail/direct marketing company.



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Susan M. (Keighton) Keaton, '89, Indianapolis, is a partner at London Witte & Co.

Mark J. Mikula, '89, Chicago, IL, is a case manager with Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House.

Cheri E. (Presley) O'Neill, '89, Indianapolis, has been named executive director of Alpha Chi Omega national fraternity.

Robin L. (Lamott) Sparks, '89, Troy, NY, GOLD Award recipient and member of the Alumni Council, has recently been named Quinnipiac University's first full-time head volleyball coach.

Joseph Trimboli, MAE89, Marcellus, MI, is the president for Region 7 Michigan Association of School Administrators for the 2007-08 school year. He is superintendent of Lawton Community Schools in Lawton, MI.

Richard P. Winegardner, '89, Fishers, is a new partner of the labor and employment law department of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP in Indianapolis.

Marriages

Kimberly S. (Vernard), '88, to Robert E. Brewer, September 8. They live in Westfield. Kimberly is a human resources manager for Target Stores in Avon.

New Additions

Chip L. Compton, '88, New Haven, and his wife Theresa, a son, November 15, 2006.

Theresa A. (Wean) Kuntz, '89MAE07, Greenfield, and her husband James, a son, July 10. Theresa is a first-grade teacher for Greenfield-Central Community Schools.

Christina L. (List) Riemer, '89MA92, Duluth, GA, and her husband Jay, a son, February 7. Christina manages her own marketing consultancy, To a T Creative.

In Memoriam

Douglas E. Bush, '80, Indianapolis, August 27.

Lois J. (Fauerbach) Glessner, MAE80, Montpelier, September 3.

John D. McMann, '80, West Covina, CA, August 2.

Joy A. (Pence) Acree, '87, Farmland, July 27.

1990s

News

Melisa J. (Ellis) Beeson, '91MA98, South Haven, MI, is a faculty member at Western Michigan University in the School of Public Affairs and Administration. Her husband, **David A. Beeson**, '96MBA07, has accepted the position as director of medical clinics with South Haven Community Hospital.

Brian M. Sloan, '91, Middlebury, is principal for Middlebury Community Schools. He recently received his PhD from Purdue University. Brian was married September 8, 2006.

Rita M. (Atkins) Baylor, MS92, Easley, SC, is a full-time member of the nursing faculty at Clemson University, and a PRN nursing supervisor with the Palmetto Health System. She is a past recipient of the Outstanding Nursing Alumni Award.

Michael D. Bivens, '92, Indianapolis, has received his law degree from Indiana

University. He has joined the legal department of Kite Realty Group in Indianapolis.

Matthew D. Whetstone, '92, Brownsburg, has joined the law firm of Krieg DeVault, LLP, as the director of Governmental Affairs.

Scot A. Courtney, '93, Indianapolis, has been named president at Grubb & Ellis/Harding Dahm & Co.

Holly M. (Booth) Dexter, '93, Denver, CO, has been promoted to vice president and account executive at Denver Series of Lockton Companies, LLC.

Melissa D. (Sargent) Mann, '93, Indianapolis, is director of communications for the Greater Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. She has been named the Indianapolis chapter's International Association of Business Communicators' Communicator of the Year.

Andrew M. Greenstein, '94, Anthem, AZ, is a weekend news anchor at Phoenix news talk radio station KFYI.

Dawn M. (Vaughn) Hutchinson, '94, Dunwoody, GA, works for Cox Communications in the creative services department.

Tracey R. (Baker) Townsend, '94, Westfield, has received her master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University. She is a second-grade teacher for Frankfort Community Schools.

Jennifer L. (Breece) Benson, '95, San Diego, CA, is marketing and communications coordinator for the law firm of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves, & Savitch.

Karoline E. Jackson, '95, Indianapolis, is a new partner of the litigation department of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP in Indianapolis.

Jennifer M. (Moore) Pearce, '95, Chandler, AZ, has received her master's degree from Arizona State University. She is a first-grade teacher in the Chandler Unified Schools.

Jonathan M. Wearly, '95MA03, Pendleton, has accepted a position with Roche Diagnostics as a global marketing manager.

J.R. Agnew, '96, West Lafayette, is the new men's assistant swim coach at Purdue University.

Jason A. Johnson, '96, Indianapolis, performed in the Fireside Dinner Theatre, Fort Atkinson, WI, production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. He is also a choreographer.

Brandon J. Bute, '97MA02, Athens, OH, is assistant director of Career Services at Ohio University. His wife, **Jennifer J. (Bomholt) Bute**, '97MA98, has completed her PhD from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She is an assistant professor in the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University.

Lisa S. Kelsay, MA97, Riverside, IL, has been published in *The Journal of College Admission*.

Kathi D. (Rogers) Spurrier, '97, San Antonio, TX, is a project engineer with Albany Engineered Composites in Boerne, TX.

Richard A. Kelley, '98, Jeffersonville, has been promoted to vice president of finance for the Kentucky Lottery Corporation.

Daniel L. Klingler, III, '99MA00, Pewaukee, WI, has accepted a position as director of the Academy Waukesha Paul Mitchell School in Waukesha, WI.

Natalie E. (Ishmael) Moore, '99, Indianapolis,

works for Allstate Insurance as a claims analyst.

Julia M. Wood, '99, Edmonds, WA, owns and directs Body in Balance. She is a gyrotonic instructor.

Marriages

Amy M. (Hoftiezer), '91, to John Riley, May 5. The couple lives in Columbus, OH.

Deborah L. (Condo), '93, to Jon Liljekrans, May 17. Deborah is employed by Coors Brewing Company, Golden, CO. The couple lives in Golden, CO.

Rachel A. (Heflin), '95, to James C. Sartori, February 17. The couple lives in Woburn, MA.

Shannon M. (Schrader), '95, to Todd A. James, June 9. Shannon is a registered nurse in pulmonary research with the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora. They live in Arvada, CO.

Melissa D. (Craw), '97, to Michael Susong, August 25. Melissa works as a 401(k) plan consultant at AUL. The couple resides in Upland.

Shawn D. Hurst, '97, to **Brandi T. (Wren)**, '99, June 9. The couple resides in Lafayette.

J. Scott Renner, '98, to Carrie I. Crosser, April 7. Scott works for Cross Management, a property management company. The couple resides in Noblesville.

Carla A. (Smiecinski), '98, to Todd Latosinski, June 30. The couple resides in South Bend.

Erin L. (Hitz), '99MA05, to Kevin Buck, August 4. Erin is employed by the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department. The couple lives in Muncie.

New Additions

Elizabeth J. (Lewis) Brown, '91, Noblesville, and her husband Kevin, a daughter, March 9.

Amy L. (Needler) Lorch, '91MAE04, and **Scott E. Lorch**, '91MBA05, Indianapolis, a daughter, February 15.

Kathleen A. (Spalding) Keeling, '92MA94, North Salem, and her husband Bill, a son, May 11.

Jennifer L. (Hurd) Morales, '93, Bedford, IN, and her husband Michael, a son, September 5.

Kendra L. (Sanders) Strasser, '93MA95, Indianapolis, and her husband Rick, a son, June 7.

Teresa M. (Berry) Beebe, '94, Hampton, VA, and her husband Mark, a son, August 4.

Timothy Barnhart, '95, and **Jessica A. (Miller)**, '95, Osceola, a son, June 14.

Jennifer J. (Schuch) Bay, '95, Fort Wayne, and her husband Jonathan, a daughter, August 14.

Ryan J. Blair, '95, and **Meredith A. (Schiltz) Blair**, '96, Knoxville, TN, a son, June 27.

Lori M. (Welge) Fulk, '95, Indianapolis, and her husband Greg, a daughter, July 26.

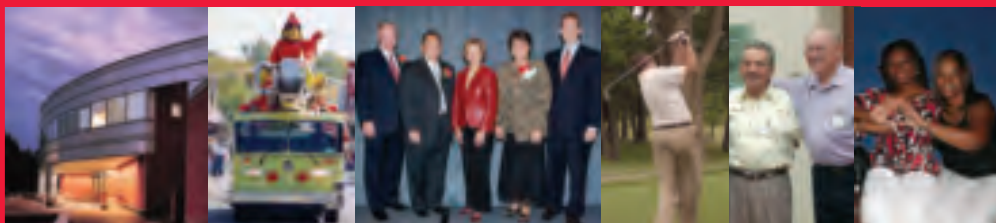
Dahnnya E. (Geary) Chop, '97, Indianapolis, and her husband Keith, a son, July 5. Dahnnya teaches English at Cathedral High School.

Keith E. Jackson, '97, Carbondale, IL, and his wife Erin, a son, August 5.

John D. Poitras, '97, Baltimore, MD, and his wife Jenny, a son, March 28. John is the head strength coach at Towson University.

Amanda G. (Fields) Thomas, '98, and **Scott M. Thomas**, '97, Fishers, a daughter, April 20.

Amber M. (Posthauer) Tilton, '97, Westfield, and her husband Shane, a son, April 7.



Upcoming Events

November	9	CAP Alumni Board of Directors Meeting	Indianapolis
	13	Football Pre-game Rally BSU vs. Central Michigan	Alumni Center
	13	MCOB Alumni Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center
	17	Michiana Alumni Chapter Shopping Trip	Chicago, IL
	19	Teachers College Alumni Society Principal's Reception	Indianapolis
	29	Teachers College Alumni Society Superintendent's Reception	Indianapolis
December	6	Thirsty Thursday with President Gora Pre-game Rally BSU vs. ISU	Terre Haute
	7	Holiday Reception and Education Redefined tour with President Gora	Alumni Center
	8	Black Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center
	10	Chicago Area Alumni Outing Rock Bottom Brewery	Chicago, IL
	13	Nursing Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center
	13	Nursing Alumni Society Pinning Ceremony	Emens Auditorium
January	15	Commencement	Campus Marion
	10	Grant County Area Alumni Education Redefined Reception	Alumni Society
	12	Journalism Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Indianapolis
	12	Indianapolis Alumni Chapter at the Indianapolis Ice Game	Indianapolis
	17	Vanderburgh County Area Alumni Education Redefined Reception	Evansville
	17	Northeastern Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	Fort Wayne
	22	NREM Internship Day	Alumni Center
	22	NREM Alumni Society Board of Directors Meeting	Alumni Center
	26-30	Florida Area Alumni Education Redefined Reception	Florida

Alumni Association Contact Information

For information on any event, contact the Alumni Association.
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 fax: (765) 285-1414; e-mail: alumni1@bsu.edu;
 Web: <http://www.bsu.edu/alumni>

Jennifer S. (Wood) Alexander, '98, Alexandria, and her husband Chadd, a son, May 14.
Melissa A. (Alberti) Lucas, '99, Elgin, IL, and her husband Tim, a daughter, September 8, 2006.
Sean P. Thomas, '99MA01, Atlanta, GA, and his wife Kristy, a son, August 17.

In Memoriam

Laurie A. (Steele) Whitcomb, MA98, Indianapolis, August 23.

2000s

News

Andrew W. Fish, '00, Indianapolis, has joined BSA LifeStructures' Indianapolis office as an architect.

Josie L. Hatfield, '00MA05, Honolulu, HI, has accepted the position of residence life coordinator of the Noelani Apartment Complex at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Sarah M. Fullam, '01, Overland Park, KS, has been promoted to disability claims manager with Liberty Mutual Insurance.

Shawnita R. Washington, '02, Noblesville, has received her master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Jeffrey S. Anderson, '03, Nashville, TN, has obtained his doctor of medicine degree from Indiana University. He is completing his residency in psychiatry at Vanderbilt University.

Michael T. Banas, '03, Chicago, IL, has recently been named Chicago's Young PR Professional of the Year by the Public Relations Society of America. He is an account supervisor at Ketchum in Chicago.

Nathan M. Schmidt, '03MUR04, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA, has joined RBF Consultants as a transportation planner.

Heather M. (Frick) Chastain, '04, Avon, is director of communications for Cassis.

Abby E. Croft, '04, Indianapolis, is assistant director of development at the Jewish Community Center.

Melissa A. (Fitzgerald) Davisson, '04, Lancaster, PA, has received a master's degree from Western Illinois University. She works at Franklin and Marshall College as the assistant director of Career Services.

Mary K. Hull, '04, Anderson, has recently joined the architectural firm of CSO Architects as a graduate architect in the K-12 Education Studio.

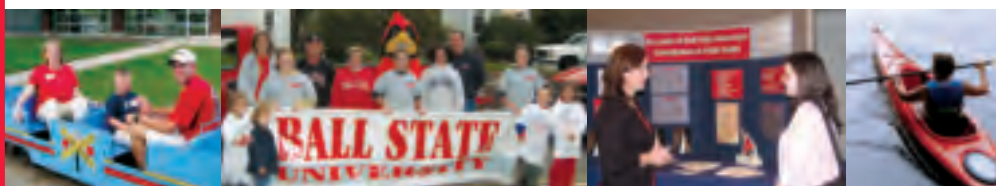
David L. Taylor, '04MA06, Muncie, was honored as one of 12 recipients of the Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders presented by the Indiana Humanities Council and the Office of the Governor.

John P. Campbell, '05, Scottdale, PA, has been selected as an assistant principal for the Mt. Pleasant Area School District in Mt. Pleasant, PA.

David T. Eldred, '05, Chicago, IL, has been promoted at CAPPs Media. He manages the non-Phillip Morris publications.

Michael R. Green, Sr., '05, Indianapolis, is an operations supervisor with MS Logistics.

Emily T. Heinlen, '05, Ellettsville, received her master's degree in library science from Indiana University in Bloomington.



Janice G. Merritt, '05, Muncie, was recently awarded the Love of Learning Award by the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Laura A. Schenkel, '05, Indianapolis, has joined Baker & Daniels, LLP, as a consultant in the law firm's government affairs practice group.

Blakely A. Clements, '06, Washington, is the new executive director for the United Way of Daviess County.

Kirsten A. Cuniffe, '06, Indianapolis, has joined Easter Seals Crossroads as an employment services representative.

Michele A. Faroh, '06MBA07, Fort Wayne, has accepted a position with Eli Lilly and Company as a pharmaceutical sales representative in the diabetes care sector in the Fort Wayne area.

Rosemary C. Keenan, '06, Peoria, IL, has been selected as a member of the 2007-08 edition of the Cambridge *Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals*. She is the orchestra director of Dunlap School District #323.

Audrea B. Oakley, '06, Fort Wayne, has been promoted to marketing manager of Tower Bank and Trust.

David A. Sklar, '06, Greenwood, is a government affairs associate with the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council.

Kelli K. Skodinski, '06, has been named director of athletic development for Jacksonville University.

Candace M. Cummings, '07, Indianapolis, has acquired her RN license. She works in the surgical progressive care unit at IU Hospital in Indianapolis.

Nicholas P. DeSutter, '07, Colorado Springs, CO, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army. He is stationed at Ft. Carson. His wife, **Melissa S. DeSutter**, '05, has accepted a position as the community relations manager at Mosaic.

Sarah A. Kincheloe, MA07, Denver, CO, works in the public relations department of Pure Brand Communications. In addition, she is a staff writer for *303 Magazine*.

Crystal A. Lambright, '07, Millersburg, is an associate account manager for Richard Harrison Bailey in South Bend.

John D. Necessary, '07, Jamestown, is an operation manager at Frito-Lay in Frankfort.

Jennifer K. Rice, '07, Pendleton, is a marketing consultant with Methodist Memorial Group of Clarian Health in Indianapolis.

Javier A. Rodriguez-Motta, MA07, Indianapolis, has joined the architecture department at BSA LifeStructures.

Carmen R. (Castro) Szczesiul, '07BAR07, has joined BSA LifeStructures as an associate in the architecture department.

Marriages

Nicole M. (Babb), '00, to Andy Cassidy, May 5. They live in Toledo, OH.

Britt A. (Ritchie), '00, to Robert D. Frye, September 1. Britt is a partner and principal designer with PB&J Design, Inc. The couple resides in Anderson.

Julie L. (Vasquez), '00, to **Chet J. Johnson, Jr.**, '99, July 28. The couple resides in Studio City, CA.

Benjamin J. Napier, '01, to Amanda D.

Aubrey, September 1. Benjamin is employed as a human resource specialist with The Finish Line Corporation. The couple lives in Marion. **Corrin R. (Foster)**, '02, to Michael Malinowski, May 25. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

Ryan J. Hunt, '02, to **Melissa L. (Key)**, '02, September 15. Melissa works as a full-time nanny. Ryan works as a senior planner for the City of Indianapolis. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

Michael E. Morgan, '02, to Sara Coulter, September 1. Michael works as an inspector for the Town of Westfield. The couple resides in Union City.

Jennifer L. (Keller), '02, to Lincoln Skinner, August 25. Jennifer is an actress. They live in North Hollywood, CA.

Travis B. Carter, '03, to **Lacey M. (Brumley)**, '04, August 25. Travis is a production manager for Tyco Healthcare of Plainfield. Lacey is an operations coordinator for Arbor Homes of Indianapolis. The couple resides in Fishers.

Melissa N. (Cooke), '03, to **Paul B. Faulstich**, '03, June 23. Melissa is an admissions representative for Branford Hall Career Institute. Paul is an adjuster for AMICA Mutual Insurance Company. The couple resides in Delmar, NY.

Angela R. (Howard), '03, to Chris Dunsmore, August 11. The couple lives in Mooreland.

Melissa K. (Libke), '03, to **Josh A. Foltz**, '03, August 4. The couple lives in Fort Wayne.

Sally L. (Garcia), '03, to Michael J. Skowronski, July 7. Sally is a fourth-grade teacher at Harding Elementary School in Hammond. She recently completed her master's degree at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Leah R. (Backs), '04, to **David J. Broyles**, '04, August 12. Leah works at DES Staffing Services. David is employed with Manatron, Inc. The couple resides in Marion.

Erika D. (Balser), '04, to Robert F. Gilman, August 12. Erika is an investment representative with Edward Jones. The couple lives in New Castle.

Jennifer N. (Burgess), '04, to Randy Amonett, August 18. Jennifer is employed as an assistant manager with Wal-Mart in Shelbyville. The couple lives in New Castle.

Wendy J. (Hamilton), '04, to **Kevin J. Blake**, '03, September 8. Wendy is employed by CASI in Fishers. Kevin works for Zurich North America Insurance Co. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

Krista S. (Hoyos), '04, to Chris Kramer, August 19. Krista is a marketing analyst at Lincoln Financial Group. The couple resides in Fort Wayne.

Bethany M. (Naylor), '04, to Gregory A. Wehrman, August 26. Bethany is employed by Marathon Petroleum. The couple lives in Lapel.

Amy M. (Steenstrup), '04, to **Christopher L. Kurtz**, '06, August 4. Amy is an interactive producer at MMG Worldwide. Chris is a student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. The couple lives in Kansas City, MO.

Jayme M. (Thompson), '04, to **Andrew J. Davis**, '04, August 4. Jayme is a high school

English and speech teacher at Wes-Del High School. Andrew is a manager at Eateries, Inc. The couple resides in Pendleton.

Heather M. (Urbani), '04, to Jim Crews, August 3. Heather is employed by the Department of Defense in Indianapolis. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

Amanda M. (Moss), '04, to Donald Wright, September 1. Amanda is a registered nurse at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. The couple resides in Noblesville.

Mark L. Baker, '05, to Cassandra Schmidt, August 27, 2006. Mark is employed at Fredricks Construction Company. They live in Anderson.

Darcy L. (Eckert), '05, to **Jason M. Brooks**, '96, June 22. Darcy works as a business products specialist with Sentry Insurance. Jason owns Jay-Crew Landscape in Muncie. The couple lives in Yorktown.

Travis D. Hargis, '05, to **Meredith A. (Fancher)**, '04, August 5, 2006. Travis is an emergency room technician at Anderson Community Hospital. Meredith is a customer care specialist for Roche Diagnostic Corporation. They live in Fishers.

Laura N. (Howell), '05, to James E. Hester III, June 9. Laura is an executive assistant manager for Walgreens. The couple resides in Fort Wayne.

Steven J. Samuel, '05, to **Marianne R. (Hakes)**, '04, June 7. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

Jordan L. Tandy, '05, to Ashley Phillippe, August 19, 2006. The couple lives in Fairland.

Katherine M. (Wiese), '05MA07, to **Richard J. Hurckes**, MA06, May 26. The couple lives in Lockport, IL.

Latrice R. (Alexander), '06, to Ray Akers, August 18. They reside in Indianapolis.

Nichlas D. Emmons, '06MA07, to **Travis L. Hardin**, '04MA06, July 24 in Burlington, VT. The couple lives in Muncie.

Trevor D. Golden, '06, to **Elizabeth (Stebbins)**, '06, September 23. They live in Muncie.

Stacy B. (Hayes), '06, to Colin McGrady, August 11. Stacy is a nurse at Riley Hospital, Indianapolis. The couple resides in Fishers.

Ashley M. (Jenkins), '06, to Jason Robinson, July 28. Ashley is a kindergarten teacher. The couple lives in Fernandina Beach, FL.

Rachel E. (Ley), '06BAR06, to **John S. Cutler, Jr.**, '06, April 21. The couple resides in Indianapolis.

Jean-Marie (Saunders), '06, to **Seth D. Hamilton**, '04, August 4. Seth is a kindergarten teacher with Carmel Clay Schools. Jean-Marie is a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital. The couple lives in Indianapolis.

Ashley M. (Shade), '06, to Christopher Chance, August 4. Ashley is employed by Beads Amore and is a seamstress. They live in Fishers.

Jamie L. (Wirtes), '06, to **Drew A. Buchanan**, '06, May 25. The couple lives in Westville.

Jessica A. (Elston), MA07, to **Jerick J. Baker**, '07, September 8. Jessica is employed at Forum Credit Union. Jerick works as an environmental specialist for Eli Lilly. The couple resides in Anderson.

Katessa R. (Branson), '07, to DeAndre Mabins, September 15. The couple lives in Chicago, IL.

Betsy L. (Sachse), '07, to Jamaal Lamar Baxter, Sr., August 25. They reside in Anderson.

Christopher T. Stout, '07, to **Kelly D. (Hedinger)**, '06, July 21. Christopher works with developmentally disabled adults at Community Mental Health in Lansing, MI. Kelly is an assistant hall director at Michigan State University. The couple resides in East Lansing, MI.

New Additions

Laura L. (Eikenberry) Fragomeni, '00, and **Jason D. Fragomeni**, '99, Muncie, a daughter, July 20.

Heidi J. (Kent) Howell, '00, and **Brent J. Howell**, '99, Volo, IL, a daughter, May 27.

Nicole M. (Gerow) Reed, '00, and **Chad D. Reed**, '99, Carmel, a daughter, July 29.

Colleen E. (Kabelis) Rummel, '00, and **Justin B. Rummel**, '99MA00, Bristow, VA, a son, July 12.

Angela R. (Yagelski) Smith, '00, Franklin, and her husband Kevin, a son, February 23.

Nancy L. Allen, '01, Indianapolis, and her husband Juan Pineda, a daughter, April 23.

Amanda L. (Bramel) Davis, '01, Camby, and her husband Mark, a son, May 21.

Christopher W. Lake, '01, and **Shawna K. (Rubeck) Lake**, '99, Indianapolis, a daughter, August 9.

Amanda L. (Stier) Scherschel, '01, Fort Wayne, and her husband Craig, a daughter, May 5.

Trula S. (Ellis) Womack, '01, and **Chadric B. Womack**, '93, Fishers, a son, March 19.

Trula has been promoted to senior media planner/buyer at Pearson-Partners in Indianapolis.

Lauren A. (Fonte) Young, '01, Anderson, and her husband Randy, a son, August 9.

Stephanie R. (Anderson) Robinson, '02, and **Adrian A. Robinson**, '01, Indianapolis, a son, September 3.

Jennifer A. (Gordon) Schrier, '02, Brownsburg, and her husband Kevin, a daughter, July 9.

Rodd A. Schuh, '02, Plymouth, and his wife Jennifer, a daughter, August 16.

Erik A. Sheets, '02, Indianapolis, and his wife Jennifer, a son, September 11. Erik and Jennifer were married on May 11.

Erin R. (McDonough) Bradley, '03MA05, and **Phillip D. Bradley**, '05, Noblesville, a son, April 18.

Tiffany E. (Carroll) Calabrese, '03, and **Domenick G. Calabrese**, '02, Indianapolis, a daughter, September 1.

David W. Hudnall, '03, and **Kristen L. (Kuhn) Hudnall**, '04, Waldron, a daughter, July 25.

Nina M. (Weyer) Johnson, '03, and **Keith R. Johnson**, '02, Avon, a daughter, July 26.

Kimberly R. (Hemmer) Murphy, '03, Indianapolis, and her husband Jon, a son, May 31.

Christina M. (Perry) Jarnecke, '05, Greenfield, and her husband Michael, a son, August 29.

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		3. Fruit of the Loom T-shirt, 100% cotton. In red (T5) or grey (T6) with "Ball State University" silkscreened on left chest. (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$10.38	
		4. Ball State fringed throw, depicting various scenes of campus, with Beneficence in the center. Natural with red accents, 100% cotton, 50"x69". (TH1).			\$59.95	
		5. Cardinal windshirt. In red with red trim with Ball State logo silkscreened (W1). (S, M)			\$48.00	
		6. Assorted hats. Black with white "B" (H1); red with Cardinal logo (H3); red with "Ball State" and Cardinal logo (H4); stone with "Ball State" and Cardinal logo (H5); charcoal with "Ball State" and Cardinal head logo (H6); red with "Ball State University Alumni" and Benny logo (H7); stone with "Ball State Alumni" (H8); and stone with "Ball State" (H9).			\$14.95	
		7. Sweatshirt by Cotton Exchange. Red with "Ball State University" embroidered in white (S6). (S, M, L, XL).			\$29.95	
		8. T-shirt, 100% cotton. In red with black and white Benny logo (T4). (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$10.38	
		9. BSU "Hoodie." Red with "BSU Cardinals" embroidered (S10) and BSU sweatshirt, grey with "BSU Cardinals" embroidered (S9) (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$36.99	
		10. Unisex quarter zip fleece. In red with "Ball State" embroidered on front and "Alumni" and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F2) (S, M, L, XL, XXL)			\$37.95	
		11. Women's Tiger Mountain fitted zip fleece. In red with "Ball State" embroidered on front and "Alumni" and Cardinal logo embroidered on back (F1) (M, L, XL)			\$47.95	
		12. Kids short sleeved T-shirt by Third Street Sportswear, 100 % cotton. In red with "Ball State" in black and white writing (K1). In grey with "Ball State" in black and red writing (K2). (6-18 mos., 2T-Youth XL) Also available in adult sizes from Fruit of the Loom (T7) (RED only).			\$10.38	
		13. Kids "Hoodie" by Third Street Sportswear, cotton/poly blend. In red with "Ball State Cardinals" written in black and white. "Ball State" is printed inside the hood lining in red (K3). (2T-Youth XL)			\$21.95	
		14. Bib with snap fastener by Third Street Sportswear, cotton/spandex. In red with "Ball State" written in white (K4).			\$7.55	
		15. Kids short-sleeved T-shirt by Third Street Sportswear, 100% cotton. In red with "My First Ball State T-Shirt" in white writing and Charlie Cardinal logo in the middle (K5) (6 months-2T)			\$10.38	
		16. License plate frame by Stockdale. In mirrored chrome with "ALUMNI" and "BALL STATE" (L1). In chrome with "ALUMNI" and "BALL STATE" reflective lettering on black background with Charlie Cardinal logo (L2).			\$12.95	
		17. 60" Hurricane Golf Umbrella. In red and white with Ball State Alumni Association logo (U1).			\$29.95	
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Kecia McBride, associate professor of English, is one of four professors teaching an interdisciplinary seminar this semester through the Virginia Ball Center for Creative Inquiry. McBride and seven other faculty and staff members were honored this fall for outstanding achievements. See the story, beginning on page 17.

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David Letterman returned to campus in September for a ceremony to officially open the building named in his honor.

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